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IN reviewing the work done by Woman's Mission Boards and Societies in the foreign fields of the Church of God, we are led to exclaim :

See how great a flame aspires,
Kindled by a spark of grace!

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society brings before you no new story. It presents the growth and enlargement based upon facts given year after year, and the necessities arising from healthful development.

In the home work there has been increase in zeal, interest, and numbers. The statistics are as follows: Auxiliary Societies, 1,852, including 38,203 members; Young People's and children's societies, 890, with 27,263 members; making total societies 2,742, and total membership 65,466; life-members, 1,347; honorary life-members, 55; life-patrons, 9; Conference Societies, 34. Upward of ten thousand mite-boxes have been distributed to save the fragments. The treasury, which marks the pulse-beat of the Society, is in a healthful condition, though collections do not quite come up to the previous year.

The week of prayer and self-denial was generally observed. District and all-day meetings have aroused interest in sections hitherto

unawakened. The best of all is the increase in spirituality; there is a growing consciousness that no work can succeed unless sanctified by grace.

In a paper read at the World's Missionary Conference, held in London, Dr. Pierson said: "What the source is to the supply, the motor to the machine, the home Church is to the foreign fields. The vigor of the heart's beat determines the pulse-beat at the extremities. It is of first importance that at home work for Missions abroad be continuous and constant, healthy in tone and spiritual in type. . . . The Church needs all her members to be workers, if she fulfill her great commission. Every hearer must become a herald."

Statistics show that "to-day for every Christian woman on the earth there are two hundred Christless ones in heathen lands." The question is pointedly put: "What are *you* doing for *your* two hundred?" All can do something if the will is there.

For be the duty as angels' flight,
Fulfill it; and a higher will arise,
E'en from its ashes.

LITERATURE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, the organ of the Society, has a circulation of 12,000; it is self-sustaining, and deserves a place in the home of every member of the Society.

The 7,000 copies of Annual Reports ordered printed by the board have been distributed; also 30,000 copies of summarized reports in tract form. Twenty-five new leaflets and twenty-four programmes for monthly meetings of adult and juvenile organizations have been issued, making 1,522,400 pages of such literature the past year—all distributed free. Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, the Editor of Leaflets, has sent them to the Conference Secretaries, quarterly in advance, with promptness and proportionate to the number of Auxiliaries and membership. Many pleas have come to the patient editor for extra quantities, saying: "I can use effectively all you can send me."

One well versed in such matters has said: "The Woman's Boards and Societies have done no greater service than in printing and distributing a cheap literature of Missions." Another has advanced the unique idea that "Woman's Boards are little pitchers in which the cream of Missions is served up." Also: "If we would have more prayer, we must know what to pray for; if we want more money, we must know what open doors God is placing before us; if we want

more men and women as workers, the mind, heart, and conscience must be awakened from sleep and aroused from sluggishness by the electric touch of thrilling facts." Facts have been called the finger of God.

MISSIONARIES.

Miss Ella Granbery went to Brazil in June, 1888. Miss Mary McClellan went to China in August of same year. Miss Augusta Wilson was accepted for Indian Territory in May, 1888. Miss Rebecca Toland, who had been in the field seven years, was advised to "come apart and rest awhile," but after a few weeks of change returned to her work in Laredo Seminary. Several ladies are under appointment to go to different fields early in the summer and autumn.

FOREIGN WORK.

China, Mexican Border, Brazil, and Indian Territory are the fields in which the Woman's Board has work. While the year has not been marked by great extension in any field, the work is vigorous and growing in all. The board has 25 representatives in foreign fields; 27 assistants, 27 native teachers, 9 boarding-schools, 24 day-schools, and 1,078 pupils; 1 hospital, 1 medical missionary, 1 foreign assistant, and 3 native assistants in hospital.

China.—Sickness and other causes have necessitated unexpected changes among the workers. The needs were met as far as possible on the field, but the want of re-enforcements has been sadly felt.

Mexican Border.—All tidings coming from this field have the ring of a shout of praise and victory. Seeds planted in hope and nourished by faith, prayer, and untiring work are bearing the golden fruit of promise. The schools have prospered far beyond expectation; the religious tone is remarked; health has been unusually good, and the organization is as far as possible complete.

Brazil.—The work in this empire is advancing most satisfactorily. In no one year has so much been accomplished; and yet, the laborers being so few; the difficulties seemed almost insurmountable. We can scarcely see how the faithful women have compassed them. Their worn and weary bodies tell the story, though no word of complaint has come from the field. Suitable ladies did not offer until too late in the year to send them; these will go at an early date to relieve the situation.

Indian Territory.—Harrell International Institute is doing a large educational and Christian work for the Indians. Work was opened at Pawhuska, in the Osage Nation, and the board feels that no mis-

take was made in this move ; but unforeseen difficulties blocked the way, and results were not encouraging.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

CHINA.

The annual statement sent by Dr. Young J. Allen, superintendent, briefly gives the status :

My Dear Mrs. McGavock : Just one year ago to-day I was in your own home, busy with you over details of your forthcoming annual report ; and I am reminded that it is now high time that I had sent you my annual statement to accompany the usual presentation of the work in China. By a previous mail I have already forwarded you minutes of the third annual meeting of your representatives in this field ; also the several annual reports of your respective workers here ; so there is very little left for me to add, either in the way of fact or explanation. Immediately on my return to China, it became my first duty to visit all the stations occupied by your mission, and ascertain as fully as possible their exact condition and needs, with a view to the best and most satisfactory adjustment at the annual meeting so soon to follow. Bishop Wilson arrived on the 8th of October, and on the 10th your representatives were convened in annual session, Bishop Wilson presiding. For details of session please see minutes. The session lasted for five days, and this ample opportunity was availed of by both Bishop Wilson and Mrs. Wilson (the latter your special commissioner) to inquire fully into the details of the work—its methods, plans, needs, past successes, future prospects, etc. Having thus fully acquainted himself with every department, the bishop personally assumed all responsibility of the appointments and adjustments which followed. It remains, therefore, only for me to assure you in regard both to the changes made and the adjustments generally that the best has been done, and so far as I know with every satisfaction to the workers more immediately concerned. Our resources were too limited to do better. The presence of Mrs. Wilson was a great blessing to all, and added no little to the interest of the annual meeting. Besides, I am sure her knowledge and full comprehension of the work here, and especially her deep sympathy with the workers, will enable her to give a very satisfactory report to your annual meeting in May next.

Referring now to a few business points, I wish to call your attention : (1) To the fact that the ladies saw fit to decline the offer of a sanitarium at Chefoo. That would seem, therefore, to settle that question for the present, and will set free the amount of money thus involved to be used in behalf of immediate re-enforcements. (2) I would note also that as the gold basis of general estimates and appropriations did not begin to take effect till last October, the surplus now in the treasury, from the year ending September 30, 1888, is something like *six thousand Mexican dollars*. Again, (3) I wish to call attention to the fact that the ladies in annual meeting declined a contingent fund,

or a fund to make good any loss by exchange. This I think the board would do well to consider. There is considerable risk of falling short, whereas if a fund be provided safety may be secured. Exchange is uncertain; it is very high now, but there may be a great decline. I would suggest the addition of at least five per cent. on the total appropriation. Of course if not needed it will not be called for, and hence will not be used. Again, (4) I wish to note that in locating the mission residence on the lot sold off the lot purchased for Home and School, by inadvertence or oversight at the time of building, a larger piece of land has been appropriated than was mentioned in the application made to you, and that consequently the Parent Board is due your board some three hundred dollars additional on that transaction.

In this connection I may mention that the deeds to all your property, whether at Shanghai or in the interior, have been looked after, and that there are now only two outstanding contracts not completed: (1) The lot in Shanghai given off for the church, and the lot adjoining exchanged to the Parent Board for location of mission residence above alluded to, have not yet been deeded to Parent Board; (2) the lot in Suchow sold to you by Parent Board has not been deeded as yet, but at the Mission Conference just held action was taken in behalf of perfecting the deed at an early date.

Referring to the work at Kahding, Miss Rankin is very comfortably located at present; and as she does not seem to desire it, and as the work there does not specially demand a change for the present, it might be well to let further action there be determined by future developments. The hospital at Suchow has been built and ready for some time, but owing to an unfortunate accident to Dr. Philips, its opening has been long delayed.*

Referring to the Home and School at Shanghai, there has been considerable delay here too, but it is altogether prudential; for, notwithstanding the large re-enforcements sent out last year, it was found when all were placed where most needed that no one would be left to occupy the Home and School if provided. Hence the delay. It is proposed, however, to have it built early in the spring, and it will doubtless be almost finished by the annual meeting in May, hoping, of course, that your funds and re-enforcements available may enable the board to equip it by the next autumn. In this connection it may be well to explain that the Home is for the accommodation of missionaries in the field, particularly those who live in the interior, in coming and going, and for such new missionaries as come out without any specific appointment, thus furnishing them a home while learning the language and otherwise getting ready for work. It is in no sense a *school* for missionaries; the school associated with the Home is for Chinese only.

The statistics of your work you will find fully set forth in the respective reports of the different stations, showing not only marked increase in the usual departments, but also an ever-widening influence in the communities affected. Indeed, the openings are far in advance of the workers—so much so as to make the possibilities entirely overshadow actual efforts. In this connection I would also call your attention to the general statistics of both missions, copy of which is inclosed.

*Since the annual meeting it has been opened, and gives already every promise of realizing the fondest expectations of its promoters.

The health of your mission this year has been ^{an}unexceptional. Those whose health was somewhat impaired seem to have almost if not fully recovered, so that your missionaries, almost without exception, have during the past year been making very great progress in the language and other preparation for fuller and more efficient work. Miss Haygood's health seems now established, and Dr. Philips is so nearly well that her medical adviser here thinks she will soon be equal to the demands on her in the hospital. Miss Muse is expecting permission from the board to make a short visit home, but this she asks not on the score of broken health, but as a privilege, after seven years of indefatigable service.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.*

The third annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in Shanghai October 10-15, 1888. All the ladies were present, and Bishop Wilson presided over the meetings.

Reports were called for from each center of work—Shanghai, Nantziang, Suchow, and Kahding. Every lady read the report of her individual work. These reports elicited discussions of methods of work and their attendant difficulties, and brought out many encouraging points.

Committees were nominated, and reported on the different subjects submitted to them: 1. The best manner of bringing their annual reports before the Church. 2. The creating of a publishing fund, by use of the funds not used for "incidentals." 3. A committee on publication was appointed, and certain books were ordered prepared. 4. A two-years' course of study for missionaries was adopted, subject to certain exceptions in individual cases.

A lengthy discussion on foot-binding resulted in a resolution that for the next two years no children with bound feet be permitted to enter charity boarding-schools as pupils.

Dr. Allen stated that the Woman's Board was willing to provide a sanitarium if the ladies desired one. They deemed it unnecessary, and declined with thanks.

Estimates for the ensuing year were considered, and prepared for presentation to the Woman's Board of Missions.

The presence of Bishop and Mrs. Wilson was highly appreciated by the ladies, a cordial greeting of welcome being extended to them, with thanks for their help and encouragement. In reply to the message of love brought them by Mrs. Wilson from the Woman's Board, they requested her to carry back their greetings and love to the board.

* There was not space to publish the minutes in full from any field.

SHANGHAI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS HAYGOOD,
 MISS HAMILTON,
 MISS ATKINSON,
 MRS. CAMPBELL,

MISS MUSE,
 MISS LIPSCOMB,
 MISS HUGHES,
 MISS MCCLELLAN.

Miss Haygood, having been appointed by the Woman's Board to take oversight of all the work in Shanghai, sends the annual report of the same, as follows :

It is my pleasant duty to present a brief summary of the work of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in Shanghai during the year ending September 30, 1888.

At our last annual meeting Mrs. Campbell was assigned to work for women in Shanghai, Miss Muse to Clopton School, Miss Hamilton to the Anglo-Chinese College, Miss Atkinson to day-schools. At this meeting Misses Lipscomb and Hughes, who arrived in China a week later, also received appointment to work in Shanghai—Miss Lipscomb to the Anglo-Chinese College, and Miss Hughes to day-schools. These ladies all have been untiring in labors, doing with their might whatever their hands have found to do, looking well to the special interests intrusted to their care, meeting as strength and time allowed new openings for work, sorrowing that they were not stronger and wiser, and yet rejoicing in the God-given opportunities for service. Their reports will show something of their plans and methods of work. They cannot show the faith and hope and patience with which they have wrought.

Statistics are but poor exponents of work. These will show little if any advance upon the work of 1886 and 1887; and yet I know surely that the foundations of our work in Shanghai have been strengthened and broadened, and that the superstructure to be raised through coming years will be fairer and more enduring because of the work of the year that has just closed.

WORK FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. Campbell, in addition to teaching most successfully a music-class in Clopton School, and earnestly pursuing her study of the language, has had during a part of the year a class of Chinese women, meeting three times a week, and has for the past six months taught the woman's class in Trinity Sunday-school. Besides she has made many friends among Chinese women, visiting them at their homes and receiving visits from them, making them feel in many ways the touch of her sisterly hand in loving and helpful sympathy. She has also attended many cottage prayer-meetings, and assisted Miss Atkinson in conducting a village Sunday-school, proving beyond all question that there is even in Shanghai a beautiful opening for this most difficult branch of our work.

CLOPTON SCHOOL.

Miss Muse has striven earnestly to perfect the course of study in Clopton School, and to secure the most thorough organization in every department of work. The annual examination, held in the last week of July, was a delightful revelation of the awakening process the minds of the girls had undergone

during the year, and of real advance in religious and other studies. The recent opening of a primary department and the employment of three of the older pupils as pupil teachers, I consider a promising beginning of the genuine normal school which we hope Clopton School to become in the course of a few years. I am looking forward hopefully to the time when these girls and their younger sisters shall be ready to take their places in well-appointed day-schools, and, with better methods of teaching and better discipline than we have been able to secure from the Chinese teachers in our employment—the best we have been able to command—make our schools the centers of light that we hope for them to become.

OUR DAY-SCHOOLS

have been the objects of much anxious thought and earnest prayer. Miss Atkinson, during the first half of the year, had charge of seven schools; during the latter half of the year, of four. She has been untiring in her efforts to promote their best interests. During the greater part of the year she has visited the schools daily, teaching the pupils, strengthening the teachers both by precept and example, and, best of all perhaps, fitting herself for still better and higher work by gaining a more thorough knowledge of the minds and natures of Chinese children and the weaknesses of Chinese teachers. We must know these things for ourselves before we can be ready to help teachers or children to do the best that is possible for them. I am sure that the earnest thought and sore heart-ache which her schools have given Miss Atkinson this year will bring forth beautiful results for the schools themselves, and for other schools and other teachers in the years to come.

In addition to this daily care of the schools Miss Atkinson has found time for visiting at Chinese homes, helping in regular Sunday-school and Church work, assisting Mrs. Campbell in the village Sunday-school, and in many ways getting nearer to the hearts and lives of the people around us. She has been particularly happy in securing pleasant acquaintance with the mothers of some of the pupils. We think this department of work—home visitation—may be prosecuted to great advantage in connection with our schools.

In addition to her work in Clopton School from October, 1887, until August, 1888, Miss Muse gave two or three hours every week to the day-schools in Trinity Compound, with special attention to their instruction in Christian truth. These three schools, with one other, have daily attended morning and afternoon prayers in the church.

Miss Hughes was of course obliged to give her time and strength during the first six months to the study of the language. So successfully did she do this work that at the end of that time she had virtually completed the course of study appointed for new missionaries during their first year, and was just beginning to show us how helpful she might be in our day-schools when by appointment from home she was removed to another station, where, however, I am glad to say, she found opportunity for continuing work similar to that she had begun in Shanghai—work of which she herself will tell you.

During the latter half of the year it has been my privilege to visit more or less frequently the day-schools, and to examine several of them from time to time in their Christian books.

The largest number of pupils enrolled in any one quarter has been, for the quarter ending June 30, 282. Of these 172 were girls and 110 boys. Two hundred and fifty-one children were presented by the teachers for examination in July.

For reasons that seemed good I closed School No. 4 the last of August, dividing the pupils between schools Nos. 2 and 5, which are sufficient to meet the present wants of the neighborhood. I hope after Chinese New-year to be able to open another school for girls, with a new teacher, which will be known as No. 10. The numbers of our schools represent their relative ages, so when No. 4 was suspended all below were moved forward.

NEW BOOKS.

We have long felt the need of better text-books in our day-schools, and for additional books in the colloquial for use among the women. The board having very kindly given me permission to use a portion of the money appropriated for work in Shanghai in printing, in addition to the work mentioned above, we have been striving very earnestly during the past year to supply in some measure this want. The first work completed was the translation, by generous permission of the author, from the Suchow dialect into Shanghai colloquial, of two volumes of "Talks about the True Doctrine," by Miss A. C. Safford, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission. I had an edition of five hundred copies printed, and it is already proving very useful both in our schools and among the women. I have had the pleasure of using the book with a class of younger children from Clopton School in Sunday evening lessons, and have been delighted with the simple and clear presentation of truth in language that the women and children must understand, because it is that of their daily life.

Again, through the kind permission of Dr. Lucy Hoag, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Miss Muse has translated from the Mandarin into Shanghai colloquial a Primary Physiology—a book which will open a whole world of new thought to our children, and lead them to a better knowledge of God their Maker. Of the Physiology we have also published an edition of five hundred. It was received from the printer last week. We trust that another week will find it in the hands of some of the pupils of our schools.

We have also published an edition of three hundred copies of the Romanized version of our Hymn-book, which we trust will be useful in our work among women, and enable our new missionaries to begin singing Chinese hymns before they have had time to learn to read them in the character.

We have besides published one thousand cards with the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments in sections, and some simple sentences with clear statements of religious truth. These have been useful in the work, both among women and children.

I cannot close this part of my report without saying that this book-making could not have been undertaken this year if Miss Muse had not *made* time in the midst of her busy days for the revision and proof-reading, almost all of which for the books has passed through her hands, and has occupied many of the out-of-school hours that ought to have been given to recreation if she had thought only of the best interests of her body. Only those who have

had to do with printers and publishers know how heavy this part of her work has been. To our missionary publisher, Mr. Gilbert McIntosh, we are indebted for many kindnesses.

In this connection I wish to state that I have in hand the manuscript of an arithmetic, in the colloquial, written at my earnest request by our beloved sister, Mrs. A. P. Parker, of Suchow. This book will meet, we think, a very real want in our work. Mrs. Parker's hearty sympathy with the work, familiarity with Chinese day-schools, and knowledge of the language are all assurances that the book will be the arithmetic that we need. We hope to have it published at an early day, and to add several other much-needed text-books during the incoming year.

NEW WORK.

There have been many providential tokens that the time has not yet come for entering upon the new work in Shanghai to which we have so long looked forward. When God opens the way we will gladly go forward. Now we wait with patience, knowing that his time is best.

The work of Misses Hamilton and Lipscomb does not properly find a place in this report, and yet I think it fitting that I should say here that no work done in Shanghai by the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions during the past year has been more honored of God or blessed with richer fruits than that of these two faithful and devoted ladies.

Of my personal work I have little to report. During the first five months of the year, as many of you know, I sat with folded hands and tired body, waiting to know what God would have me do, at times almost feeling that he had other plans for me than work in China. Then, with returning strength in the spring-time, there was a glad and grateful taking up of broken threads of work, and since such helping here and there as has been possible to me—an earnest trying to give back to God through this work, in one form and another, the strength he has given, a simple trusting him for future work, and an abiding confidence that he will appoint that which is best.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—CLOPTON SCHOOL.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer.....	\$800 00
From native patrons.....	19 95
From other sources.....	19 08
Total.....	\$839 03

Expenditures.

For native teachers' salaries.....	\$105 00
For wages.....	91 39
For food.....	276 37
For clothing.....	81 51
For books and furniture.....	100 81
For other expenses.....	149 67
Total.....	\$804 75

Amount brought forward	\$804 75
Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer.....	34 28

\$839 03

DAY-SCHOOLS.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer.....	\$1,100 00
From other sources	30

Total.....\$1,100 30

Expenditures.

For native teachers' salaries.....	\$ 656 75
For rents	237 65
For books and furniture.....	25 30
For incidentals.....	125 72

Total.....\$1,045 42

Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer..... 54 88

\$1,100 30

PRINTING.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer	\$400 00
From sale of books.....	5 00

Total.....\$405 00

Expenditures.

For 1,000 cards.....	\$ 11 45
For 500 copies of "Talks about the True Doctrine".....	54 45
For 500 copies of "Primary Physiology".....	45 50
For 300 copies of Hymn-book in Romanized Shanghai colloquial.....	220 31

Total.....\$331 71

Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer..... 73 29

\$405 00

INCIDENTALS.

Receipts.

From Mission Treasurer	\$100 00
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Expenditures.

For taxes.....	\$18 12
For repairs.....	49 70

Total.....\$67 82

Amount brought forward	\$ 67 82
Balance for the year returned to the Treasurer.....	32 18
	<u>\$100 00</u>
Total receipts for the year.....	\$2,444 33
Total expenditures for the year.....	2,249 70
	<u>\$ 194 63</u>

FROM MISS MUSE.

During the year just closed two new pupils have been received, making the number now in school twenty-one. Of these two one is the child of a Christian woman who was herself educated in Clopton School, and is an unusually bright, promising child. The other has a Christian grandmother—a member of our Church—and it was at her earnest wish that the child was received into school. She has already been in school several months, but is still on trial.

The advancement in studies has been very satisfactory. At the examination in July, which was conducted by Mr. Sung, of the Anglo-Chinese College, the progress over preceding years was very marked. The progress of the music-pupils under Mrs. Campbell's instruction has been particularly gratifying, there being five or six who are now well qualified to play the organ in Sunday-school and Church. Emma Poag is having special instruction, that she may become a music-teacher. She already has a class of two little girls, and it is our purpose to add to the number as soon as she has gained a little experience.

At the beginning of the present term the eight little girls who have formerly studied in two of the day-schools, located in the same building, were formed into the Primary Department of Clopton School. The native teacher, Mr. Ng, gives them an hour and a half a day. The rest of the time is occupied by myself and two pupil teachers. By the formation of this department we have an excellent opportunity to train the pupils for the work which we hope many of them will engage in after leaving school. The young teachers have entered with much pleasure upon their duties, and I feel that the Primary Department will prove not less beneficial to them than to the children themselves.

The health of the school has been remarkably good—no death and no severe illness during the year, and a comparatively small number of minor complaints. The young girl appointed to the care of the sick has faithfully discharged her duties, continuing to show an aptness for this special kind of work. In about two years more she will be old enough to be placed in Dr. Philips's hospital, where she can receive a thorough training as nurse and medical assistant.

During the protracted meeting held last autumn there were four of the girls who expressed the wish to unite with the Church, and they were accepted on probation. There are nine Church-members and seven probationers. Of these seven some have been on probation for quite awhile. We have felt it best to delay their reception into full membership—with some because they are so young, and with others because their conduct was not right; but I

am glad to say that with the two *worst* cases there are some signs of improvement. There are a half-dozen of the older girls who are always ready to take their turn in leading in prayer at our Sunday evening Bible-reading, and four who have classes in Sunday-school; and I believe that with many there is a sincere desire to serve the true God, though they are hindered by temptations from within and without. Although the spiritual condition of the school is not all that I wish it to be, yet I know that there has been growth during the year.

The school is thoroughly organized in all its various departments—domestic, industrial, music, studies both religious and secular—and there has been less friction and greater faithfulness on the part of the pupils than formerly. While still seeing very great room for further growth and improvement, I also see that we are now on a higher plane than we were a year ago. For this and for all his mercies and help I most earnestly thank God, and pray that he will enable us to make the school increasingly useful in its special capacity of training Christian teachers and helpers.

FROM MISS ATKINSON.

During the first four months of the present Conference year my time and strength were given to seven day-schools in Shanghai. I usually visited these schools once during the week, and as much oftener as there was time. My duties were to oversee the work of the native teachers, to hear the children repeat their Christian books, giving special attention to Bible history and to the preparation of the Sunday-school lesson where the children were able to study it. I also tried to accomplish something in teaching arithmetic, but the time was too limited for us to do more than make a beginning. I saw that seven schools with inefficient native teachers were too many for any one person to supervise; so when we re-opened after the Chinese New-year holidays Miss Haygood reduced my number to four, Schools Nos. 1, 7, 9, and 10 being left under my charge. I began immediately to make daily visits to them all, and feel that much was gained both for me and for the schools. Devotional exercises were conducted in every school each day. These consisted of a Scripture lesson, read in turn by the teacher, myself, and those of the children who were able to read, a hymn by all, then prayer, led by myself, or more frequently by the Chinese teacher. Some of the very small children have learned to read the Bible surprisingly well in preparing these daily readings, and I cannot feel that my time thus spent has been in vain.

Besides carefully looking after their study of Christian books, teaching them myself frequently, and endeavoring faithfully to sow mustard-seeds of faith, hope, and love into their little hearts, I gave some time to arithmetic; and would have been glad to have given them geography and some other things usually taught in primary schools at home, but suitable books could not be procured.

In the summer, feeling that a real change would be beneficial, and perhaps give new strength for the winter's work, I decided to take a trip to Japan. I left Shanghai on the 27th of July, and returned on the 10th of September. It was my first trip since arriving in China—nearly four years ago. Since getting back my visits to the schools have been somewhat broken and

irregular; and for reasons which seem the best I have had to leave the devotional exercises to the Chinese teachers, except when I could occasionally be present.

During last October, just after the close of our annual meeting, I was very much gratified that eight or nine boys and girls from Schools Nos. 9 and 10 had professed faith in our Saviour, and signified a willingness to become members of the Church. After careful investigation, I found that the parents of only four were willing for them to take the step. We allowed them to come in as probationers; but one has since, through the influence of her mother, been compelled to return to a heathen school, with only heathen surroundings. The child herself would gladly return to us if she dared. Her grandmother also became a probationer at the same time; but she too, through the influence of her daughter-in-law, "walks no more with us."

The girls of the schools, when they arrive at the ages of twelve or thirteen, are either too large to be seen on the streets so much, or there is too much work to be done at home; so they leave the schools almost invariably at that age. It is either too hot, too cold, or too wet for the children all to attend school regularly for any great length of time; so if we are not up and at work while it is called day, opportunities are lost perhaps not to be regained.

My year's work in day-schools has caused me to put less confidence in the work and general character, honesty, and faithfulness of our native teachers; but in seeing my own failures I have been led to have more charity for them, and I feel that my experience with them has taught me how I may better give them my sympathy and help. My life has come into such close contact with the lives of the children that I feel almost as though they were my very own; and I hope to appreciate them and care for them as God-given treasures.

There are many discouraging features connected with our school work; but He who says "Ask of me" will, I am confident, give the heathen to his Son as his inheritance.

During the year just closing I have visited something over forty families, and have become acquainted with many women whom I hope to reach more effectually next year. I have been received with the greatest kindness in all of these homes, and the occupants make no objection whatever when we speak to them of the doctrine; but their eyes are blind, and they cannot see; their ears are dull of hearing, and their hearts are hardened by poverty, sin, and superstition. They make little or no objection to their children being taught Christian books.

During the year I have entertained in my study a great many of these women and some others, most of whom were patrons of my schools.

I realize that it is exceedingly difficult to reach these people and get them really interested in their souls' salvation. If they think they are not to be materially helped by the foreigners, they prefer we should go our way, and seek them at a more convenient season.

During the spring Mrs. Campbell and myself, assisted by a very competent Chinese woman, organized a Sunday-school in one of the small villages near Shanghai, and since have attended it regularly, except when we were in Japan. The family at whose house we meet have given us of what they have

had to give, which has been kindness without measure, hearts full of good will, and a large room in which to hold our meetings. The room has only a mud floor, but it is the best they have, and we feel encouraged that they allow us to go there, and that they miss us when rain or any thing prevents our meeting with them.

I feel that I cannot close this epitome of my year's work without testifying to the help and encouragement which I have received from some of my co-laborers. Miss Haygood has been ever ready to counsel with me about the schools, and has helped me many times when in perplexity or doubt about the interests of my work. Mrs. Campbell has given me most efficient assistance in work among the women, in entertaining them in our home, and in visiting them in their own homes. With her to lead or her brave spirit to accompany me, I have been enabled to undertake work which without her help would probably have never been thought of; and I most heartily thank God for the beautiful example of faith, hope, and long-suffering which she has given us.

My duties this year have been less interrupted by sickness.

FROM MRS. CAMPBELL.

My work among the women is, as you know, in its infancy, so it will not call for a very extended report. There are some facts, however, that it may be well to bring before you as a beginning in this work.

What is the best means by which we may reach them? how shall I begin? were my first questions. After considering the matter I concluded to visit the homes of all of the day-school children. Therefore, soon after our last annual meeting, I felt that I had enough of the language to commence. So on a Saturday afternoon, with one of the native women, I started out. Everywhere we were kindly greeted and entertained, though I confess that some of the places we entered were marvels of poverty and dirt; others were more cleanly. I found them all ready to promise to come to the Sabbath-school and Church services. But alas! most of the promises were made to be broken. They all gave attentive ear to all we had to say regarding their souls' salvation and our precious doctrine. But in this afternoon's work I found what my greatest drawback would be—namely, to find a suitable woman to work with me—one whom I could trust to impart the truth as I had imparted it to her. The one with me at the time was one who had long been a member of the Episcopal Church, and was one of our day-school teachers; and though she had had full instructions before starting out as to what was expected of her, she would begin at the most inopportune times to explain something of our religion, and would rattle it off without the slightest interest on her part; and I noticed too that each time she would have a few words in an under-tone with those present, and I imagined was telling them that to explain our doctrine was what we came for, and that they would not get rid of us until they had listened. To a certain extent I felt that I was in her power, and that it was almost a sacrilege to take our holy religion and place it before them to be made light of. So then and there I concluded to do no more promiscuous visiting with a native woman *only* until I had gained a more extended knowledge of the language, and could direct the explaining of these gospel truths myself. However, my visiting did not cease

here, for with either Misses Atkinson or Hamilton or Mrs. Reid, together with a native woman, I have visited fifty-one different homes since our last annual meeting, and at each place have tried to say something for the Master. Some of these were the homes of Church-members, whom I have visited several times since; but the majority were heathens, who had never seen the inside of a church or heard of Christ.

Mrs. Reid and I attended regularly a Thursday afternoon prayer-meeting in the native city until the middle of May, when sickness in her family hindered her going with me. This prayer-meeting is usually led by Fong Sien-sang, one of the native preachers, but in his absence either Mrs. Reid or one of the Chinese women (they are ever ready to do their part) would lead. These meetings were held with open doors, and many would come to watch and listen through curiosity, and we hope received some truth that will go with them through life.

Since Chinese New-year Sunday afternoons have been devoted to religious services in one of the villages. Miss Atkinson, Dzau Nyang-nyang, and I have attended these without interruption, excepting the two months during the summer's heat, we being absent part of that time in Japan. Usually we had a congregation of forty or fifty. Finally we divided these congregations into classes (there being such a variety in ages), and instituted something of a Sunday-school. We had them learn passages from Scripture, which we explained to them, and they are now learning the Commandments. They very much enjoy learning to sing hymns, and it is refreshing to hear them unite in singing "Jesus loves me." The house that we congregate in is the home of a heathen woman; but she is interested in our religion, and we hope that in time she will become a communicant.

My class of women in the Trinity Sabbath-school is my greatest pleasure in this work. I have the names of seventeen women on my roll, the most of them attending regularly when the weather permits. Only one or two of the number read. One of these is one of Mrs. Lambuth's old pupils, and is a great assistance in reading and explaining. Besides my work in these lines, I have taught the music-class in Clopton School, of whom eight are learning to play the organ; and their progress is quite gratifying. I am teaching the whole of Clopton School to sing by note; this, however, is only a recent thing, beginning with the new term.

I have devoted from four to five hours daily to the study of the language, and I am gratified that I have been allowed so much time.

Thus ends my year's work.

Misses Hamilton and Lipscomb have given their time to teaching in the Anglo-Chinese College for Young Men.

FROM MISS HAMILTON.

Report of the Primary Department Anglo-Chinese College.

Pupils enrolled, 108; grades taught, 4; branches taught, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, language lessons, and composition, translation (Chinese into English), grammar, physiology. Hours of instruction, 6. The physiology and grammar classes were not regularly graded, and were under my instruction

until the close of the last term. They have since passed into Miss Lipscomb's room. During the month of September, 1887, one and a half hours were allowed for Chinese study. About the latter part of the same month Dr. Allen was called away, and his classes were put under my care until Miss Lipscomb's arrival, when I was again free to study. But this plan was not destined to remain fixed, as an increase of pupils in the primary department made it necessary for me to give my whole time to the college work. On the 8th of March I began to teach all day, and study at night. The strain proved too great as the warm weather came on, and I gave up study altogether.

Religious Instruction.—Exclusive Bible-study half the day on Saturday; regular semi-monthly temperance meetings; Bible-readings and prayer-meetings when practicable.

The beginners who speak the Shanghai dialect are instructed in the first principles of our religion in their native tongue; while those who speak other dialects are taught through the written character, the lesson being first carefully taught in English, then translated and written in the character on the blackboard by one of the more advanced pupils.

The temperance meetings have been very helpful, especially in giving us an influence over those not interested in Christianity, and in bringing the new pupils in contact with those who have been under Christian influence for a number of years.

The Saturday morning Bible-study is to me the most delightful work of all the week. The teaching is then made strictly personal; and often the class is resolved into a prayer-meeting, and those who love the Lord Jesus openly confess his name, and when asked to do so will pray in the presence of their less-interested companions. Those who are more timid and will not speak openly, but will rise at their seats as a testimony of their faith, are called together after the regular exercises and invited to my study for a little talk and prayer. They have never failed to come when thus invited, and God has been pleased to bless these little meetings.

Many things occur in the daily routine of work that fill my heart with rejoicing and praise to Him who has promised to be with us always. One or two instances may be of interest. On a rainy Saturday morning last year only five of my most advanced pupils were assembled in the classroom. My heart fell within me as I looked upon so many vacant seats; but with pleasure I noted among the faces one who had habitually absented himself from the exercises on Saturday, and whose heart had seemed set like flint against all religious teaching. We had finished the regular lesson, and they had gathered around my desk to read a simple story of our Lord's suffering. As we read our hearts were all broken up by the music of the sweet "old story," and for some minutes we mingled our tears together. The hardened heart of that person was softened, and since that time his seat is rarely found vacant on Saturday morning. Though he has never done more than testify for the Lord by raising his hand, I have evidence enough in his daily life in school that he is a changed boy. Another instance may be related to show something of the influence that goes from the school out into these darkened homes. One of my last year's pupils did not return this term, but wrote a letter saying that he wished to attend Sunday-school and the temper-

ance meetings. I extended a most hearty welcome, and asked him to bring his mother to take tea with me the following Saturday afternoon. On Saturday he came to see me himself, and said that his mother would be pleased to come if I would pay her the first visit. This I agreed to do, accepting the mother's invitation for the following Saturday. The boy himself came to show me the way. I found the household to consist of the mother, father, an only son, and a relative and his two wives. The three women and the boy were present at tea. Just as I was about to leave, the mother asked: "Who sent you to China." This opened up a large field for conversation, and resulted in the boy bringing out his Bible, and telling them the "old, old story" with an eagerness that I had never seen before; and certainly the women were eager listeners. The homes are opening to us. Several of the pupils have invited Miss Lipscomb or myself to visit their mothers, and we have never failed to do so.

FROM MISS LIPSCOMB.

Not yet one year ago I began work in China. God had granted me too the opportunity and privilege of coming to tell the "old, old story" to the heathen souls of China. To-day, as I look back upon the past year—so short, and yet so full of changes, so full of varied experience both joyous and sad—I can thank God for the guiding hand and the tender love with which he has led me, and for the measure of success, small though it be, which he has granted unto me.

The year has been a happy one, full of rest, peace, and joy in Christ Jesus. I am now no longer a stranger, but feel that I am a friend among friends—one among a band of soldiers whom God has chosen for this warfare, and who are fighting under the same banner with one purpose, one aim, one Captain, and one King.

My regular work in the Anglo-Chinese College began on the 31st of last October—six days after my arrival in Shanghai. During the year I have had the privilege of teaching English and, through the medium of English, Christ too, to about fifty-three of the young men of China, ranging from twelve to thirty years of age. And let me say here that thus far my fullest anticipations with regard to this department of the work have been realized. Having labored with the youth of our own land, and seen the reluctance with which they renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, I did not expect the young men of this land (reared as they have been in darkness and heathenism), to yield without a struggle. I had felt that perhaps for years to come the souls that are won for Christ from among this class must be, as it were, "hand-picked" souls. We can hardly expect them yet to come in a body to recognize our Lord; and they are coming one by one, accepting Christ, serving him day by day; and are living for him, even though a parent's mandate may for a time prevent their openly taking upon themselves the name of Christian. Were I teaching the same number of young men in America, I think I should hardly expect to see more evidences of the workings of the Holy Spirit among them than I have seen among our boys of the Anglo-Chinese College during the past year. With regard to their respect for lady teachers as compared with that given the gentlemen, I would say that,

while they may not give us the same *kind* of respect, deference, and awe with which they are accustomed to regard the sterner sex, they certainly give us a something (call it by whatever name you choose) which combines courtesy, obedience, and affection. I think the lady teachers in Christian lands are generally quite satisfied when they receive this.

Four hours and a half each day of five days in the week have been spent in the regular school work, the forenoons of Saturday and Sunday being devoted entirely to religious instruction. One hour and a half each day of five days in the week I have spent with my teacher in the study of the language. By rising early, and attending to some of my college duties before breakfast, I have much of the time been able to do some good work on the language between eight and nine o'clock in the morning. I have succeeded in completing the course of study prescribed for the first year, but I am by no means so thorough as I should have been had more time been given me to devote to it.

My health has been unusually good, not a single day's work having been interrupted by sickness of any kind. For this especially my heart has been overflowing with gratitude to my heavenly Father. The month of August, spent in Japan for the benefit of my "future health," as I expressed it, did much for me in many ways. I know that I am stronger physically and better prepared for the work before me on account of the rest, recreation, and spiritual communion enjoyed there. And so I thank God for all the experiences of the year, and press forward, knowing that he in whom I have trusted will never fail me nor forsake me.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—SHANGHAI.

Missionaries.....	8
Native teachers.....	12
Boarding-school (normal).....	1
Day-schools.....	10
Pupils in boarding-school.....	21
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 110; girls, 172).....	282
Total number of pupils.....	303
Communicants.....	9
Probationers.....	7
Value of property of the Woman's Board.....	\$35,000

NANTZIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ROBERTS,

MISS REAGAN.

Misses Roberts and Reagan have worked hard and struggled bravely against fearful odds the past year, but courage and faith never failed them.

FROM MISS ROBERTS.

A week after the beginning of the year Miss Reagan arrived, and began work immediately in the Anglo-Chinese School. This relieved the intense strain under which we had labored while we had only two workers for this

station. But before Miss Reagan had been a month in the field Miss Rankin's unexpected departure for Kahding left the work here in the hands of two very inexperienced workers.

For a time Miss Rankin itinerated regularly to Nantziang, and had all the care of Pleasant College, but as the short days and severe weather of the winter months came she found this altogether impracticable. She then requested that we should take charge of the girls who were left here, she having taken twelve or fifteen of them to Kahding with her. About two weeks later the measles broke out in school, and Miss Rankin thought best to send the girls home to stay until after their New-year holidays. At the re-opening of school on the 1st of March we endeavored to make such adjustments as would enable us to do some regular work in this school.

Our knowledge of the language was very limited; time for study was necessary, and the Anglo-Chinese School, to which we had been appointed by the superintendent, and to which we felt that we owed our first duty, demanded one-half of my time and the same amount of Miss Reagan's. In addition to these were the day-schools, which might have occupied a great deal of time if we could have given it to them. However, for a time Miss Reagan and I both did regular class-work in the boarding-school. When the warm weather came on we found it impossible to do the amount of work which we had done during the spring, and this school had to be left again almost entirely to the natives. We were fortunate about this time in getting a very desirable woman of middle age for matron, which was a great relief from anxiety about the girls during the hours when they had to be left alone, and from all care about the little ones in case of sickness, besides almost entire relief from all care about the domestic affairs of the school.

Just before the close of school for summer vacation Miss Rankin returned to us five of the girls who had been in Kahding with her, making the total number at the time of closing twenty-five.

This has been an eventful year to Pleasant College, and I cannot attempt to write a report in detail. There are now in the school twenty-two girls, nearly all under fifteen years of age. Of this number eighteen are members of the Church, and another is a probationer, and one little one has received infant baptism. We cannot feel that they have made very much advance during the year except in their native books, but we hope this has prepared them for doing good work on other lines when they have opportunity. We most earnestly hope that some adjustment can be made by which this school may have the care it so much needs, and which it must have if it is in any way to make returns for the means expended upon it. The assistant teacher, who is a former pupil of the school, a most earnest Christian, and in every way a lovely character, has had entire charge of the little ones, and has done nearly all the teaching in Christian books. She is a faithful worker, and her influence for good is felt throughout the school.

In the Anglo-Chinese School there have been during the year thirty-five pupils, though twenty-seven is the highest number enrolled at any one time. One of the oldest and best pupils is teaching one of the Kahding day-schools, and another is teaching in Nantziang. Another, found to be an opium-smoker, was expelled from school; and yet another, one of the brightest and most

intelligent boys in school, was refused admittance at the re-opening at New-year on account of bad moral character. These things seem hard; but "if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out" is the command, and it is one of the trials which come ever and anon into a missionary's life. Other pupils have been withdrawn for various reasons—some to go into business, others because their fathers decided they were too stupid to learn English. The pupils in this school have made marked progress in acquiring English, and a good moral tone seems to pervade the school, but at the close of another year we have still to report no visible fruits for the Master. Those who have been long in school have a very clear understanding of the principles of Christianity, but have as yet seemed unwilling to accept Christ as a personal Saviour.

At Chinese New-year a change was made in the day-school taught in the Anglo-Chinese school-building. Instead of the stupid heathen who had charge of it last year we have a Christian, a former pupil of Mr. Parker's school. The school so increased in numbers that early in the year it was divided, and a pupil from the Anglo-Chinese School took one department. I had received a contribution of \$75 from Mr. D. C. Scales, of Nashville, to be used for the work, and I have used this to meet the additional expense incurred by this extra school.

The girls' day-school is not in a very flourishing condition. When the girls are small their mothers say they cannot learn, and when they get large they must go to work. But I think that if there were some one here with time to work it up there is a good opening for day-school work, though it might be long before the girls would come in large numbers.

We need not add that two workers are entirely inadequate to the work already organized here; that is understood, and we know that we will have relief as soon as it is practicable.

Notwithstanding the many adverse circumstances with which we have been surrounded, we have had many precious evidences of our Father's love, and it is with a grateful heart that I close this my second annual report.

FINANCIAL REPORT.—DAY-SCHOOL WORK AT NANTZIANG.

Received from Mission Treasurer.....	\$290 00
Received from native patrons.....	89 40
Received from other sources.....	39 00
Total.....	\$418 40
Total expenses.....	\$418 40

PLEASANT COLLEGE.

Received from Mission Treasurer.....	\$1,440 00
Received from scholarship patrons.....	51 28
Received from other sources.....	17 80
Total.....	\$1,509 08
Balance.....	492 87
Total expenses.....	\$1,016 21

FROM MISS REAGAN.

A few days before our arrival in Shanghai—October 25, 1888—we met Dr. Allen at Nagasaki, and received from him our appointments. Miss Roberts was in Shanghai to meet me, and with her I came at once to Nantziang, my appointed place of work. On the day after my arrival here I began regular work. Half of each day was given to class-work in the Anglo-Chinese School, and the other half to trying to explore the mysteries of the Chinese language.

I have been much pleased with the school work, finding in these Chinese boys the most interesting and teachable of pupils—kind, respectful, and studious; they are all I could desire as pupils, and much more than I had expected. My largest and most advanced class had a fair knowledge of English when I took charge of them—that is, they had quite an extensive vocabulary and more knowledge of the idioms and construction of the language and read with moderate ease. They were thus at a point where the needed thing was to lead out their minds, get them to think for themselves, and learn to make a practical use of what they knew. It was gratifying to see how readily they responded to all attempts to draw them out on that line. Some of them really have more than ordinary ability. I had another class of beginners who knew very little English, and as I knew no Chinese we labored under the mutual disadvantage of being unable to understand each other; yet by degrees, as my Chinese vocabulary has grown and their stock of English has increased, we have come to a better knowledge of each other, and I feel that my efforts for them have not all been in vain. Although none of them are professed Christians, they all have a clear understanding of the vital truths and fundamental principles of our religion. Their familiarity with the Bible, especially early Bible history, is quite astonishing when we remember what a short time they have even known of the Bible. Seeing they know their duty as they do, we can but pray for them the more earnestly, and leave the rest with Him who loves their souls far more than we, and who answereth the prayer of faith.

In the study of the language the circumstances have not always been the most favorable. A part of the time I have been without a teacher, and much of the time have had a very inferior one. Notwithstanding these and other hindering causes, I have gone over the course of study prescribed for the first year, though I have not been able to give it the accurate study I should like.

In addition to these duties, for a time I gave one hour each day to teaching arithmetic in Pleasant College. I found this both interesting and profitable; but the warm weather came, and it was thought best to give up all regular work in this school, and this hour was again devoted to the study of the language.

Looking back over my first year of missionary life, my heart is filled with gratitude to my heavenly Father that he has so led me in ways that I knew not, but which his infinite love saw best for me; and with a heart more humble and more trusting I look forward to the coming year, praying that whatever duties it may bring may be performed in a manner well pleasing to him who hath called me hither.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—NANTZIANG.

Missionaries.....	2
Native teachers.....	4
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	3
Pupils in boarding-school.....	25
Pupils in day-schools (boys, 43; girls, 8).....	51
Total number of pupils.....	76
Communicants.....	18
Probationer.....	1
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$8,200

K A H D I N G .

MISSIONARIES.

MISS RANKIN,

MISS KERR.

The year has been one of the most trying on our dear pioneer missionary of the ten she has spent in China. The making of a new home in a strange city in which she was the only foreigner, and having no permanent helper, together with all the cares and surroundings, has been a heavy strain upon her mind, body, and spirit. She is now comfortably adjusted in her work, and sends her annual report as follows:

FROM MISS RANKIN.

This work includes six schools and one Bible-woman. Of the schools four are for boys and two for girls. The Anglo-Chinese schools are self-supporting as far as the ordinary running expenses are concerned. The charity schools are assessed a sum sufficient to pay all incidentals. The Bible-woman receives only two dollars per month, as her household and maternal duties forbid her doing more than receiving those who come to her. Notwithstanding the advance financially the expenses have been very heavy, and it is but just to all that some facts be noted in this connection. All the daily itinerations, which involve a monthly outlay of from five to ten dollars, repairs on the dwelling, fitting up the interior of the same, quinine and cough-mixtures for the schools and neighbors, and all the multiform fees to petty officials, have been paid personally.

We had not imagined there was so bright a page in mission life as the year's work has opened to us. It has been a continued pleasure to meet the intelligent men and women who have come to the home and schools as friends and visitors, while the work in the class-rooms has been the most delightful we have ever known. And yet the days have been full of work, and we have been compelled to follow the apostle's injunction to pray without ceasing. We have made no arbitrary laws regarding matriculation, except in the matter of morals, believing it far better to suffer momentary disappointment from loss of pupils than to cripple our life's work by having to enforce rigid rules. The constant demand by the Government for all who have any knowledge of English or mathematics is almost ruinous to our Anglo-Chinese

schools in the interior; but we do not believe a day lost or misspent that has been given those who are called to take an active part in the affairs of the nation. It is in this way only that we may hope to mold and Christianize public sentiment.

Not every year is it given us to report the capture of a walled city, and we might be very proud to chronicle the fact did we not feel that the victory is *not* in the taking, but *will* be in the keeping.

STATISTICS.

Schools (boys?)	4
Schools (girls?)	2
Pupils (boys)	50
Pupils (girls)	26
Bible-woman	1
Women addressed	400

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance	\$ 6 91
From Mission Treasurer	553 44
From native patrons	168 08
From others	245 90
Total	\$974 33

Expenses.

For salaries	\$368 00
For itineration	39 00
For rents	151 00
For books	2 40
For incidentals	77 38
For English school	244 32
Total	\$882 10
Balance	92 93
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SUMMARY OF WORK.—KAHDING.

Missionaries	2
Native teachers	5
Day-schools	6
Pupils (boys, 50; girls, 26)	76
Bible-woman	1

S U C H O W .

MISSIONARIES.

DR. MILDRED PHILIPS, MISS GORDON, MISS LOU PHILIPS.

Miss Lou Philips sends the report of the boarding-school, which has been her special work :

FROM MISS LOU PHILIPS.

Returning from Shanghai last October, after an interesting annual meeting, my heart beat high with hope and fervent aspirations for a more useful year in the Master's service than the one which had passed, and also with devout gratitude that he accounted me worthy, putting me amidst such momentous interests in his kingdom.

And now as the year 1887-8 has gone with all its records into the past, and it becomes my duty to review its scenes, I must with grief confess that there has not been that increase at my hands that perhaps was expected.

My time has been so divided between public, social, school, and domestic duties that it is hard for me to say to which on the whole the most time has been given, or which has suffered most from want of attention. Our public services and social meetings (and they are many), whether foreign or native, I never fail to attend.

It has been a privilege to have entertained many during the year, both among foreign and native friends, and some who came to us strangers we found to be angels indeed. And right thankful are we that, notwithstanding we are in the interior, we are yet not so far away that we cannot often clasp hands and gain encouragement from the spirit of other Christians.

Talking with a guest who spent the Christmas holidays in Suchow last winter, he told me of a conversation which he had had with Dr. Houston, of the Southern Presbyterian Board, as he was leaving the mission-field. This gentleman said that in leaving China there were two things which he regretted not having more fully used, and which he recommended all his brethren to put to the proof. They were fasting and alms-giving. The one I had long since found to be a means of grace, but while he was yet speaking I was convicted of having shirked the burden of personal ministration to the poor, giving such things as I had through organized channels instead of, to some extent at least, following the plain command: "When thou seest the hungry feed him, and the naked clothe him." I at once determined to change my plan and lay out some time and effort in work so plainly taught. This I have done, and if in the past our household arrangements had sole reference to self and friends, I have striven since to make them a means to a higher end—even to help the poor around us to believe the gospel invitations which we give because they see they are not shut out from the *earthly*. And I have seen a kindly light of confidence and affection in many faces that formerly gave back nothing to my greeting. To be thought upon by us, the sent, helps their faith to grasp the reality of the love of our great Sender. In pursuance of this plan I have given more time to visiting among the poor of our neighborhood than ever before, and I have not suffered myself to be afraid to remember them with such things as seemed suitable, lest I should be imposed upon. And on the whole I think I can testify that they have been appreciative, and not inclined to abuse kindness.

While I have found it impossible, if not inexpedient, to confine myself to school work exclusively during the year that has passed, I have considered that my *calling*, and have given that the most of my time. The instruction of the pupils in their Christian books has been under my personal charge. In the Old Testament they have gone over the ground covered by 2 Samuel,

Kings, and Chronicles ; but for want of those books in the colloquial it has been unsatisfactory. In the New Testament they have studied Luke, Acts, and Romans principally, but the entire book has been read by the school, and a large part of it with care. I constantly aim to give them not only Bible truth, but the *circumstantial setting* of Bible truth, expecting thereby a better understanding of the truth itself. I have given them as much of Jewish and Roman history, customs, and characteristics as my time has allowed. That they might have a perfect model of the spirit and design of all Church organization, I have had the pupils study and re-study the history of the Pentecostal Church. My one aim is to make of the pupils efficient members of the body of Christ. But while I make that first, I have all a teacher's heart to see them advance in their secular studies. It grieves me that I still find enough strangeness in the character to take them forward slower than if their books were in English.

The most advanced class have finished the first volume of Mateer's Arithmetic, have learned to analyze with some clearness and a degree of facility, and have made commendable improvement in the style of their slate and board work.

The first and second classes are about half through Chapin's Geography, and have at last learned how to study the same. They also have a lively interest in this study, and receive eagerly any outside history or information that may be given them about the countries and peoples of which they study. They have made a promising beginning in physiology, and those who are too young to prepare the lesson are required to listen to the recitation, and thus learn enough to profit them somewhat. The study of the native books continues on the same plan as of old.

The older girls are very neat and patient needle-women. They can make all of their own clothes, and are a great help in making those of the younger children. They do their embroidery, but there is no special enthusiasm in that branch of the work. I would rather there should not be. I do not care to have any of them be embroidery teachers, or to have them make their living by embroidery. I hope they will all find something more useful to do; but so long as their own people think it the one thing needful for a woman to learn, I am willing to have it taught. Especially do I find it necessary in day-schools, if we would keep the girls after they get to be of any age. If they are not taught embroidery, they will leave us and go where they will learn *that* and nothing else.

There has been but one new pupil received into the boarding-school from among many applicants, and I could not but be pleased by the kind and helpful reception given her by the others.

The health of the school has been better than during the last year, there having been no case of severe illness. Still their physical welfare is a source of continual anxiety, the confinement required by Eastern custom being by no means that best calculated to develop vigorous constitutions.

The young lady who assists me with the primary classes has developed much during the year, and continues to be, as she ever has been, a great help to me. But until the last six months I have never felt quite restful about her; for up to that time, notwithstanding I brought constant pressure to bear

upon her to induce her to give up binding her feet, I had never been able to succeed. But during May, I think it was, I felt I must go in stronger faith to God until he gave me the victory and took away this reproach from the school. And he did. He enabled her and her father and mother-in-law and the young gentleman to whom she is engaged all to be willing. I dreaded most the influence of the mother-in-law, for I knew that she had bound her own daughter's feet until they were no larger than a baby's; but she gave me less trouble than the son. It was hard indeed for him, but after long and earnest pleading and much prayer his consent was obtained, and very wholeheartedly when it was given.

Until January I regularly examined all the work done by the day-school, but at that time such rapid progress had Miss Gordon made that she was able to take charge of the smaller girls. On the 1st of June she relieved me of all the classes except one in geography. With the new school-year she has entire charge of all their lessons, and is hoping to revive the arithmetic class, which I had to suspend when the extra care of the housekeeping devolved upon me last autumn, by reason of sister's illness.

The elderly lady who teaches this school has given me much satisfaction in some respects. She is less enterprising than a younger teacher would be, but she is, I am persuaded, a Christian gentlewoman, and her influence over the girls cannot but be elevating. She has been a member of the Church now about two years, and her spirit, interest, and works united have produced a feeling of confidence that is most comforting. With this school-year the teacher from the boarding-school will teach them embroidery three hours weekly.

Three of the serving men connected with woman's work in Suchow read or have been taught to read; two others I am now having taught. Only two women have as yet learned any thing of the character, but at the close of morning prayers at the school several girls take charge of all the women connected with the work, and teach them for about a quarter of an hour. They seem interested. The class is composed of the school and hospital cooks, the embroidery teacher, and an elderly woman who helps me generally in the school. I am hoping to have our cook's wife join the class, but as she has three small children it is more inconvenient for her. These women, with a number of others, go also one hour a week to Mrs. Parker to be taught. I think our woman's prayer-meeting has done a good deal toward quickening their desire to learn to read, and I cannot feel satisfied when it is so easy for them to learn to read the Bible, not to put it in their power to obey his command: "Search the Scriptures." I cannot otherwise feel that I have kept nothing back which it was in my power to bestow toward their profiting.

We have as usual had a large number of women and girls come to visit us, and it has been my aim to have whosoever came received, and if by reason of want of time or strength not much could be done for their instruction, still I trusted kindness to do something toward breaking down prejudice and prepossessing them in our favor. I myself spend very much time with such visitors every year, and Miss Gordon has been very brave about helping since she got possession of a vocabulary. The pupils, too, grow more kindly and attentive to such visitors as come in their way, frequently speaking earnestly

to them, and sometimes giving them a book or tract from their slender store. It is my aim to let none of those leave who are able to read without something—either a small book or tract that may help them. Several women with whom I have gotten acquainted, and who have come to Suchow for a few days on business, such as bringing a son to Mr. Parker's school or the like, we have received and entertained for a few days, using the time to teach them the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. One old lady the pupils out of their slender store of cash helped to stay over a Sabbath.

It was just before the formation of the Conference two years ago that I first got my courage up to the point of presenting the matter of the tithe to the school. It was with fear and trembling that I brought the matter before them, for I knew and sympathized with their deep poverty; but knowing it to be a fundamental law of development in the Christian life, I dared not be silent. They heard me and gave something—all of the students, perhaps as much as a tenth. The entire collection perhaps amounted to something over thirty cents. I remember out of that first collection giving Bishop Wilson 10 cash—first-fruits, precious to the Saviour, I doubted not, even as they were to me. Last month there was no one connected with the school who did not give a tenth of all they received, and the same is true of the hospital and home servants. There were two of whom I did not definitely hear, but as during several previous months they had done so, I doubt not they did last month. There are also two or three friends and acquaintances around who have seen their good works and are doing likewise, among them the betrothed husband of my assistant teacher. If they prove faithful, their contributions will amount to over \$60 during the year. Thank God that they have been enabled to show so much liberality in the midst of deep poverty. I doubt if their entire contributions previous to the formation of the Conference had amounted to fifty cents per month.

Among the servants connected with our work in Suchow is one who has given me endless pain and trouble. A member of the Church and a very proper person externally, I knew him to be a thief. But it was hard to get hold of any thing like evidence on the one hand, and on the other I did not so much wish his expulsion as I wished his salvation. If it were possible to bring him to repentance, well; but if not, I felt that I could no longer be a party to his remaining in the Church. Over a year ago I spoke to him plainly, and told him that if I saw no improvement I should certainly bring his case before the Church. As the months went on he seemed to me to have little fear of the Church of God before his eyes, and that notwithstanding he knew the letter of the law. And in May I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, for the removal of such a stumbling-block. I have faith to believe it has been removed. He confessed his sins and asked to have his name taken from the roll, saying, however, that he did desire to obtain salvation. Firstly because of his case, and also for other reasons, services were held in the school-room at the hours for morning and evening prayers for some weeks, conducted principally by Lee Sien Sang. During these services this man publicly confessed his sins, asked for prayers, and professed pardon. There were at the same time four men, three women, thirteen boarding-school and two day-school children, who gave their

names as probationers. These all have continued, so far as I can judge, in the faith and fellowship which they professed. And we who took part in the work certainly rejoiced in God and the work which he wrought in our behalf.

I never have been able to feel that the work already existing was in such a condition as to call for the opening of new work. But I do hope our God will say unto us during this year on which we are entering: "Arise, go up and possess the land, for I am with you."

FROM MISS GORDON.

A fair autumnal day had not quite added its hours to those of the past when I first looked upon my new home in the land of "Sinim," and in this ancient city. The grasses, parched by summer's drought, were sear and dead. The gray walls of the house and inclosure, the gray brick pavements about the house, all looked grayer and more somber in the fast-waning light.

Misses Atkinson and Hughes kindly accompanied me upon this first trip to Suchow. Ocean steamers do not always make a voyage in the time specified; and the hour of arrival of a canal-boat, the quick passage of which depends upon fair winds and active boatmen, cannot always be known by friends expectant with any degree of certainty. So, when no one came out to invite us in, we entered the house and found Miss Philips absent and busy at the boarding-school. In a few moments, however, her cheery voice was heard welcoming us to Suchow, and me to my new home. Hers was but the first of many warm greetings I received during those first days from our own and the other missions represented in this city. Numerous, also, were the hospitalities cordially extended.

The two days following that of my arrival were spent in getting settled in my new home. The next day was the Sabbath. Monday morning Miss Philips introduced me to her teacher, a part of whose time she kindly offered me until other arrangements could be made. I was pleased to find that a prescribed course of study for the year had been inaugurated at the last annual meeting.

I saw in the beginning the utter impossibility of repeating over and over the story I had come to repeat until I had sufficient command of the language, for in the day-school work to which I had been appointed no English was taught. I began to study earnestly, and my time, energy, and strength have been expended chiefly on the language. As soon as I was able to prepare a verse in Chinese, at Miss Philips's suggestion, I began to read one at morning prayers. This has been very helpful to me. Numbers of Chinese women have visited us during the year. While these were engaged in conversation I sat by, studying their language, customs, and themselves. Some of these women have listened attentively to the telling of the old yet ever new story, and have called more than once. Upon what manner of soil the seed has fallen we cannot tell. The command is: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." We are reminded that results are with God; "for," he says, "thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." When we gather over yonder we may find some sheaves awaiting us as glad surprises.

The weather was quite cold when Miss Philips introduced me to the day-

school. Taking me along past several shops one morning, we soon entered a narrow street between whose high black walls the sun could scarcely enter. At length, stopping before an old red door in the side of a low, white-washed wall, she knocked. A wooden bar was withdrawn, and several childish voices greeted us in a chorus.

That bare old room, with no fire to mitigate its wintry chill, dimly lighted by a small, dingy sky-light and an opaque paper window, containing a few Chinese tables and benches, nine or ten dirty and poorly-clad girls, some ragged and sore-eyed, with an old woman hobbling about on feet that had been bound until they were but withered stumps, was not a picture fair to the natural eye. From this time I continued to frequently visit the school, and as soon as possible began to hold prayers with the children. I could do but little, but remembered it was mine now to be "faithful in that which was least."

June 1 the children of this school were given into my charge. Through that month and the one following I visited them daily until the weather became too warm and I went to Shanghai. I came into the inheritance of this school on my birthday, and never was the responsibility of receiving a birthday gift felt more keenly. Several immortal souls were intrusted to my charge to be taught of God, Christ, and heaven. Then, too, it was the beginning of not so much a new work as work among a new and strange people.

While sitting behind my Chinese table in this little school I have seen many doors opening through day-school work in this land; but first, the work in the schools themselves must be developed. I have resolutely turned from undertaking the beginning of improvements that rapidly suggested themselves to my mind, that this first year might be spent in more thorough preparation for the inauguration and establishment of such improvements. In all but the language it has been my aim to go slowly. In that I had to make no such resolution.

The school now has twelve pupils, ranging from seven to thirteen years, some of whom have been attending four years. With the beginning of the new year I hope to begin more active work. A year of waiting has caused me to realize more fully the preciousness of the privilege of making even a small beginning. As far as possible my programme is made out, but subject to the change and correction of Him whose the work is. We hope the next Annual Report will tell of extension of work in this department in Suchow.

Perhaps I should add that, while I have this year been struggling with the language, I have also been battling with a hostile climate; but my severest trial came during the summer holidays. A change being recommended, I went to Japan and spent the month of August. Upon my return the battle began anew, but I have lost no time from regular work, and hope to regain my usual strength during the cool, autumnal days. By the continued study of the character my eyes became weak, but since I took charge of the house-keeping they have not given me so much trouble. This is, I suppose, due to the frequent interruptions incident to housekeeping. "All things work together for good"—even the interruptions, it seems.

Of this ancient city the proud Chinaman says, "Heaven above, below Suchow." May its half-million inhabitants realize indeed that the kingdom

of God has actually come nigh unto them, and turn from the thick darkness of idolatry, superstition, and ignorance to the marvelous light of the "Day-spring that hath visited them from on high."

MEDICAL WORK.—FROM DR. MILDRED PHILIPS.

During the first quarter the hospital was completed, consisting of a two-storied home for the foreigners connected with the work, of a dispensary, two wards, and an operating ward, which are one story and raised three feet from the ground. There are three other cheaper buildings for servants' quarters, kitchen, storage, etc. The value of this property is as follows: For land, \$300; for clearing and leveling the ground, making walks and well, planting trees and sodding, \$80. The buildings on the lot are valued at \$6,660. The general furnishing, medical and surgical appliances, books, drugs, sedan chairs, clothing, and materials for clothing, beds, bedding, etc., are valued at \$2,560. About \$300 of this amount is in drugs; but I expect in a few months to receive surgical instruments—major and minor—with other appliances, valued at \$300, which will make the furnishing, independent of drugs, worth some \$2,560. To this add the \$267 for furnishing the hospital home, and we then, in round numbers, have \$10,000 as a very near approximate of the value of the hospital property. This represents a good, substantial building, fairly well equipped, and will be a basis on which a very excellent work can be opened up and carried on.

October 25 is the day appointed for the formal opening of the work, and we are glad to have the hope of Bishop and Mrs. Wilson's presence at that time.

My stay in Shanghai through the greatest part of the year has not been without some real gain to the hospital.

I have, since I have been well enough, attended a number of surgical operations at the hospitals, all of which have been instructive. Some five of them have been capital operations.

The longer I am in China the more I am convinced of the necessity of missionary physicians being prepared in themselves and in their hospital equipments for doing work of this kind, and doing it well. They cannot stand off and think to confine themselves to one department of medical work; and it is to the credit of the Woman's Board of Missions that they have from the first provided liberally of means to this end; and the time has come that they may hope to reap somewhat.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Park, in July, I engaged one of the first three graduates of the medical school under his care. This student is a Christian, an efficient and useful helper, having had beside his school training in the Northern Presbyterian Mission five years training in medicine. His wife is a Christian woman, whose parents were Christians before her. This last fact is of no little significance. Her sister I am to take on probation as a helper in the hospital.

I still have the same Chinese druggist that has been in the hospital employ since the beginning of the work.

Another helper, who came to me originally as an orderly in the hospital, is faithful to an unusual degree in all his work—enough so to suggest the

parable of the faithful and wise steward. During the year he has learned to read the Gospels fairly well, and has been received into the Church on probation. This has all occurred during my absence—which is a testimony that the heaven is working in our little community at Suchow, it being the second case of the kind where those in my employ this year have been taught the Scriptures and brought into the Church; so that I return to receive them, “Not now as a servant, but above a servant.”

In a later letter Dr. Phillips tells of the opening of the hospital, with Mrs. Campbell as assistant :

The hospital opening was far more satisfactory than I had thought it would be.

Mr. Anderson said in the evening after I had come to my home that probably a hospital had never been opened with two such good speeches—the one in Chinese from Mr. Parker, the other in English from Bishop Wilson—and certainly they were admirable and to the point. I could not sit under them without feeling an increased responsibility laid upon me to measure up to the demands of a work such as they represented it to be. May God indeed add his blessing, and grant many long years of prosperity to the institution!

For my own part I never, perhaps, have been more earnestly, prayerfully desirous to make this hospital a power for good among the women of China. My heart is fully enlisted in this work, and I trust the years as they come and go will find me better and better prepared to do the work acceptably.

At the close of the exercises the diplomas given by Dr. Park to the medical students who have been five years under training were presented to the students—two in number, another who should have received his having died of typhoid fever during the summer. After this the native Christians who were present (some fifty in number) repaired to one of the wards where a Chinese feast had been laid for them, while the foreign friends (some thirty, including children) had foreign refreshments served to them.

The hospital has now been open twelve days. During this time some fifty dispensary patients have been seen. Three in-patients have been in the wards and private rooms.

Mrs. Campbell has been a great help in all the work of getting things in running order again.

With being careful I find I am getting on very well.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—SUCHOW.

Missionaries (one medical).....	3
Native teachers.....	6
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-schools.....	3
Pupils in boarding-schools.....	21
Pupils in day-schools.....	38
Total pupils.....	59
Communicants.....	8
Probationers.....	15

Hospital	1
Assistants in hospital (native).....	3
Value of property of Woman's Board	\$14,000

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—CHINA.

Missionaries (one medical).....	15
Native teachers.....	27
Boarding-schools.....	3
Day-schools.....	22
Pupils (boarding, 67; day, 447).....	514
Communicants.....	35
Probationers.....	23
Hospital.....	1
Native assistants in hospital	3
Bible-woman.....	1
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$57,200

MEXICAN BORDER.

Miss Holding, who has charge of this large field, sends the reports and minutes of the annual meeting.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES.

The first annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Mexican Border Mission was held in Saltillo, Mexico, December 12 and 13, 1888.

All the ladies were present, and each gave a report of her work and her personal experience. Plans and methods of work were discussed, resulting in the following propositions:

1. In boarding-schools it is practicable to mingle children of the better and lower classes; in day-schools it is detrimental to the work. Therefore where there are *pay* schools separate schools should be opened for the poorer classes.

2. It is best to admit American children to day-schools, but these may be admitted to boarding-schools when there is room without excluding Mexican children.

3. English should be taught in both *pay* and charity schools.

4. *Boys under ten years of age* can be admitted into *pay* schools; in charity work there should be separate schools for them.

5. A course of study was ordered prepared for the schools; also for the missionaries.

6. Missionaries and missionary candidates were advised to give special attention to the study of music.

Arrangements were made looking to the purchase of property in

Saltillo. A strong appeal was made to the Woman's Board to extend the work in the Border Mission, and also into Central Mexico, as soon as means and laborers were at hand. Estimates for the coming year were considered and prepared to present to the board.

LAREDO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS N. E. HOLDING,
Assistants (five),

MISS REBECCA TOLAND,
Matron (one).

Two of our bishops, in speaking recently of Laredo Seminary, said they had seen no school anywhere that surpassed it in organization, management, and results. The influence is felt throughout the Border Mission, and doors are opened wide, inviting such work to be established in many of the large towns and cities. Alas for the board, that it must turn sorrowfully away from these offers! Why? Not because the heart is unwilling, but the munitions of war are not supplied. Miss Holding sends the annual report.

LAREDO SEMINARY.—FROM MISS HOLDING.

The thought which fills the soul finds utterance in the words of the Psalmist: "Many, O Lord, my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done and thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

The year has been so full we scarcely know where to begin to "reckon" the things which have come into it, which have been felt, realized, and lived, yet are impossible to put into words. We are confident of advance in every part of the work, but how is it to be told? We cannot see the grain after it has left our hand. As we sow we know the seed fall and sink from sight. We cannot tell when or how the roots form, or how deep they are striking into the soil. When the spring-time comes the little blade appears, as proof of the silent work which has been going on. So it is with this labor for the Master; word and deed from those among whom we dwell show that the seed is taking root, the spring-time is approaching. In our impatience to *see the fruit* we have been tempted almost to repeat the childish act of searching for the planted seed to know "why it will not grow." It is well for us and well for the work that the Lord whom we serve is a God of patience, who holds us by his power from marring in our haste the thing which he alone can perfect.

The girls' school shows a steady increase. During the year one hundred and forty-four enrolled, with an unusually large average attendance. Every room in "Faith Hall"—nine in number—has been in constant use. The school has been more perfectly organized and graded than at any previous time. To this as one of the causes we may attribute the harmonious working of the school. Heretofore we have not had sufficient room to "move" with-

out friction. We cannot estimate the blessings which have come to us through the erection of Faith Hall. Many rough edges which had become a portion of our daily life now present a smooth surface. As much as we appreciate the quiet and order of the present, we really consider them among the least of the blessings as compared with those which touch the soul. Amidst the deepest discouragements one look at Faith Hall brings rest and assurance. How firm, how substantial it appears! Do we not know that the hand which planted it will establish the work done within its walls?

The boys' school, from delay on the part of the contractors, has not been as large as the outlook promised. The number enrolled was thirty-nine; the average attendance good. This school, considered as a separate work, is entirely self-supporting, with a balance in the treasury every month. Taking it in connection with the girls' work it has been a financial advantage. As an educational work we do not aim to make it more than a preparatory school. We endeavor to exert the same religious influence over the boys that has been thrown around the girls. The demand for this school became so great that we did not think it wise to defer until another year. Though the result has not been what we expected, either numerically or financially, we do not regret undertaking it, and trust another year will prove still more conclusively the wisdom of the step.

The Church work may be stated as follows: Preaching by native or American ministers every Sunday; class and prayer meeting and Bible lesson every Sunday; missionary meeting once a month; a Sunday-school of 90 members, with an average attendance of 80. The Church-membership remains about the same. There has been an increase in the membership of "Laredo Band," our Missionary Society. We have had a larger proportion of pupils from the higher social plane this year than formerly, a class whose prejudices are more deeply rooted than those with whom we have hitherto come in contact. They hold themselves aloof from any religious influence. Though the regulations of the school compel them to be present at the services, and the Bible is *the book* of the school, yet we cannot force them to heed the lessons taught. We cannot accomplish much by direct personal teaching, as they are so suspicious and so easily take alarm. We realize more fully than ever before that no human voice can awake the music of the soul. We are waiting for the Spirit divine, whose slightest whisper is able to arouse the heavenly harmonies.

The Sunday-school we look upon as our most important work. We have one advantage over other Sunday-schools—teachers and pupils *are required* to be present regularly. The only allowable excuse for absence is sickness. The work as it impresses a looker-on, given in the following words of our dear friend, Mrs. Park, will probably convey a more correct idea of the *status* than any report we may be able to make: "I desire to say a few words of your Sunday-school. It merits my views of what one should be. One person teaching adults and children, all equally interested, with eyes on same lesson and minds centered on same thought; practical thoughts, practical truths, drawn from the lesson of the day—thoughts and truths which would never have dawned on the minds of those Mexican girls but for your inimitable methods. Then your Bible-readings—or prayer-meetings, as they are called

—are doing untold good. To see those girls from eight to twenty years of age turning for references, with equal ease from Numbers to Hebrews, from Chronicles to Colossians—in short, showing a knowledge of the Bible seldom attained by their more favored American sisters—makes me very sanguine of their future, especially as hand in hand with this fervent prayers are being offered for the blessing of God to rest upon the work.”

The “Laredo Band,” though showing an increased membership, does not report increased contributions. Against \$59.60 for last year there is but \$40.35 this year. We think this falling off may be attributed to three causes: 1. Quite a number of the Band are members of the Church, and they have had to meet their Church obligations. 2. The members of the Band are members of the Sunday-school (the year’s contribution from the Sunday-school is \$9). 3. We have another society whose members are from the Band, who call themselves “The True Blue.” This society has been very active in raising money—first, to purchase a slab for Ester Hernandez; second, to aid the Cottie Hoge Library. The society reports \$41.65 in the treasury, \$20.65 of this sum being the result of this year. This brings the amount of the two societies and Sunday-school to \$70, a sum which need not be despised when we remember the source from which it came. By extra labor and special effort these children gathered this little by little.

The Cottie Hoge Library presents an attractive appearance in its new, neat, case. A careful inspection of the books, retaining only the most useful and instructive, has considerably reduced the number both of bound volumes and pamphlets. We only report bound volumes, 540; pamphlets, 100. Mrs. Hoge, of Frankfort, Ky., continues to send funds in memory of little Cottie. The Library has been a source of delight to many of these Mexican girls. Every year it grows in interest and value.

The laundry which we have so long desired has been completed and in use for several months. We had just opened work upon it—the foundations laid—when the pressure for the boys’ school was at its height. To meet the demand we erected a two-story building, instead of one story as was originally intended. The building is of brick. On the first floor are two large rooms and hall; these are used for the laundry. They have brick floors, furnaces for heating irons and water, pipes conveying cold water to tubs, waste pipes, and other conveniences. A long, broad gallery on the south and west sides of the building is used as a drying-room. The second story is used for the boys’ school. It consists of one large dormitory, teachers’ room, hall, and two class-rooms.

Other improvements consist of a large coal-house of brick, in place of the small frame building formerly used, and a dining-room for teachers opening from that of the children. The rooms used for school purposes before the erection of Faith Hall have been changed into dormitories. The interior of the entire main building has been painted, varnished, and calcimined. The basement rooms that were used for the old laundry are now trunk-rooms. We might add a number of minor improvements, but the above will be sufficient to give some idea of the extent of the work done. It has taken only a few moments to write of it, but it required many months to accomplish it.

We would give thanks unto the Lord for his gracious care of those whom

he has called to labor in the Mexican work. Health and strength have been our portion. We have endeavored to keep before us the one aim and the one purpose—the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—LAREDO SEMINARY.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants.....	6
Communicants.....	30
Pupils (boys, 39; girls, 144).....	183
Value of property.....	\$35,000

SALTILLO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS,

MISS BLANCHE GILBERT.

Miss Holding says of this work :

The work at this point continues to grow in interest and influence. We scarcely dared dream of the success with which the efforts of our workers have been attended. Last year at the time of our annual report not even a suitable house could be found; one difficulty after another seemed to be thrown in the way to keep us from even attempting to open. Miss Roberts has worked faithfully to make the Colegio Yngles what it is. I am more and more pleased with the school at every visit. I doubt not that when she has more room and is better equipped the school will show a large increase in a short time. Some of the best families of Saltillo have patronized her, and express much satisfaction at the progress of the children. In the short space of one year we can almost call the school self-supporting. It has paid the salary and met the expenses of the music-teacher, besides current expenses of house and school. The Lord has certainly smiled upon the effort put forth. To his name the praise is due.

The mission-school has been under Miss Gilbert's especial management, and is a most interesting part of the work. She has been assisted by one of our seminary girls, who has developed into an interested worker. They together have met with many things hard to be borne, but with trust and faith they have advanced. Miss Gilbert has not only had the care of this school, but has put forth extra exertion to visit families and establish work among the women, which at times promised to meet with great success, and again almost without warning is thrown back. I consider this work very important, and I believe and most earnestly trust that Miss Gilbert will be able to develop it. The women need to be led and instructed, even as little children. Miss Gilbert gained access to many hearts by her kindness to sick children. By her knowledge of household remedies she has often relieved the little sufferers. There is no surer road to a mother's heart than this. The children in the mission-school show continued advancement. From time to time I note a vast improvement in conduct. May the Lord bless abundantly this part of the work, and bring brightness into the lives of those who have known only the dark side of life!

It is a significant fact that a work of such recent date as the girls'

boarding-school in this city should be self-supporting. No better illustration can be given of what can be accomplished in Mexico by a first-class school under wise management. The charity school for day-pupils is doing much good, and the way is opening for visiting among women.

FROM MISS LELIA ROBERTS.

Report of the Colegio Yngles, Saltillo, Mexico, for the year 1888.

This young plant, which at first was so small and delicate, nourished by prayers, attention, and love, has gained strength and beauty all the while. "All things are possible to him that believeth." I scarcely know how to tell it, but the blessings have come and the work has prospered.

In this school our patrons are nearly all first-class Mexicans—those who most appreciate refinement and enlightenment. We were told by some who spoke very positively and knowingly that we could not dare to read the Bible or teach our religion in a school composed of this class of children. Our regular opening exercises are: Singing sacred songs in Spanish, Bible lesson, prayer, and recitation of texts. In the afternoon we close by singing sacred songs in English. These children are carrying the gospel to their homes. To-day a mother who has known no other than the Catholic religion as taught in Mexico, and who knows full well the hatred and opposition of many of her friends toward Protestants, said to me: "I would not have my children taught a better or purer religion than you teach them. It is better than ours." She is a cultivated lady, and works in the interest of the school. Four of her children are with us. Besides this family there are a number of others who are our zealous supporters.

This term began January 23, and closed December 21, 1888. From the beginning we have endeavored to make this a self-supporting work. For the months of September, October, November, and December the income was from \$50 to \$70 per month, all of which was for tuition. During this time the average attendance was 22. Total number of pupils enrolled during the year, 41. Total amount collected from patrons, \$282.15, Mexican money. When reading these figures think of their meaning—nearly \$300 the income from tuition of a missionary school which is yet young.

Our music-class was begun in September, with Miss Mary Mason, of the seminary, as teacher in charge. Miss Mason's lovely Christian character and winning manners gave the school added favor with the people. We remember with gratitude her "help in time of need." Miss Lizzie Stranahan, a former pupil of Miss Holding, is our present teacher. The class now numbers ten. Our gift from the North Alabama Conference—the piano—has helped us much.

The Lord be praised for all we have been able to do.

FROM MISS GILBERT.—REPORT OF BIBLE WORK.

Bibles and Testaments donated.....	6
Single Gospels.....	4
Tracts.....	850
Religious books.....	8

Families visited.....	15
Received from appropriation for literature.....	\$25
Expended.....	11

STATISTICS OF WORK.—SALTILLO.

Missionaries.....	2
Assistants (1 native).....	2
Day-school.....	1
Boarding-school.....	1
Pupils in day-school.....	25
Pupils in boarding-school.....	41
Total pupils.....	66

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—MEXICAN BORDER.

Missionaries.....	4
Assistants.....	8
Boarding-schools.....	2
Day-school.....	1
Pupils (boarding, 224; day, 41).....	265
Communicants.....	30
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$35,000

BRAZIL.

Bishop Granbery returned from Brazil in October, 1888, much encouraged over the outlook and prospects of the work of the Woman's Board in that field. He emphasized the immediate need of re-enforcements.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions in Brazil was held in Piracicaba December 26-28, 1888.

All the lady missionaries were present, and at their request Rev. H. C. Tucker presided over the meetings. Each lady read a report of her work the past year, thus throwing much light upon subjects afterward reported upon by the appointed committees.

1. The extension of work by the establishing of charity day-schools, both in Piracicaba and Rio.

2. It was decided not advisable to admit certain classes of children—viz., those of low social and moral *status*—to a first-class school.

3. A course of study was recommended for the missionaries.

4. An investigation of text-books was advised, and a conformity in the same with other Protestant schools in Brazil was recommended.

Estimates for the next year were discussed, and prepared to be forwarded to the Woman's Board.

A paper on "Romanism in Brazil" was read by Miss Bruce; it was signed by all the ladies, and ordered sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the board for publication in the home Church papers. [The paper has been published.—*Cor. Sec.*]

PIRACICABA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS WATTS,

Mlle. RENNOTTE (assistant).

This has been a peculiarly hard year on Miss Watts; owing to the marriage, going into Government employ, and removal of her teachers, many heavy duties have devolved on her. She has "endured hardness as a good soldier," and, while stressing the imperative need of re-enforcements, has waited with the "patience of hope," knowing we were calling and seeking suitable ladies to send to her relief.

Her prayers and ours have been answered. Several ladies will go to her aid at an early date.

Rev. H. C. Tucker, Agent of the American Bible Society in Brazil, was in Piracicaba at the close of the college term, was present at the examinations and closing exercises, and writes:

I sat down with a large audience to an order of exercises not to be surpassed in any school. The examinations were in kindergarten, French, anatomy, Portuguese, English literature, etc. The attendance was good, and various Brazilian gentlemen asked the pupils questions. The answers were such as to satisfy all that they had been well taught.

In the evening we were treated to a variety of exercises. To one piece I call especial attention: "The Story of the Birth of Christ." Against the wall on the rostrum was a large screen covered with dark cloth. A number of little girls came out, each one reciting a passage of Scripture, and then hanging upon the screen a large gilt letter. The sentence, when formed, read: "For unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." One of the little girls read the story of the birth of Christ as given by St. Luke. They then sung a Christmas hymn. [It was Christmas-tide.] I have never seen a more profound impression made upon an audience by a class of children. Many left the room deeply impressed and interested in the story of the Babe of Bethlehem. These dear little girls preached a real sermon. You must bear in mind that the entire exercises were in Portuguese—the language of the people. The audience was so entertained that all forgot, when leaving at 11 o'clock P.M., that they had been in their seats for three successive hours.

Such testimony of the efficiency of one of our mission-schools, from an intelligent gentleman on the field, is worthy of special note.

Miss Watts speaks more fully of her work in her annual report, as follows :

The college opened January 24, 1888, with 54 pupils. During the session 111 matriculated. Owing to withdrawals, etc., the number was 88 at the close of the session, June 22. Twenty of these lived in the home, seventeen being assisted by the school, some entirely, others in part. Of those in the house only one remained antagonistic to the gospel. Of the day-pupils only such as were children of the Church attended the Sunday-school and Church.

In May, owing to a protracted effort to win souls for Christ, nine of the pupils offered themselves to the Church, but only four were permitted by their parents or guardians to unite with it. At the time, however, a very deep impression seemed to be made on the hearts of all but the *one*.

The teachers for this session were: Miss Watts, Mlle. Renotte, and Miss Marvin, paid by the Woman's Board of Missions, with Senhor Braziliense, Mrs. McIntyre, D. Maria Escobar, and one pupil teacher, paid by school fund, worked in the college department, while Miss Beaven and Miss Moore, paid also by college fund, had charge of the kindergarten.

In July Miss Beaven was married, and Mrs. McIntyre went to Campinas to teach in the Presbyterian school, and at the beginning of the second session Miss Marvin went to Rio. Thus the corps of teachers was reduced to Miss Watts and Mlle. Renotte, in the house, with Sr. Braziliense, D. Maria Escobar, and Miss Donie Moore, who came in for the school hours only. At the end of September, D. Maria Escobar went away to answer a call from the people of Jacareky, and Miss Granbery came from Rio to take her place. Miss Smith and Miss Rhoda Beaven assisted with the small children. Very little visiting has been done, and no extension of work attempted, because of the inadequate number of workers. There being no special movement in the Church, only one offered herself as a candidate, and the one who offered in May was received into full membership.

The study of the Bible seemed to be serious, and perfect respect was always shown the Church. During the session only eighty-one were matriculated, twenty-two of whom were in the house. There were at the close of the term sixty-seven pupils. This falling off was caused by removal from the town or the withdrawal of families to the *sítios* to take charge of affairs after the freeing of the slaves—not a single objection having been made to the school.

Throughout the year the expenses and receipts have nearly balanced. In hand at present is an order for \$390.85 from Mrs. Koger, in payment of money loaned in 1885; also, we have drafts from the Woman's Board of Missions to the amount of \$400, appropriated in May last for improvements. We are holding these drafts still, awaiting an advancement in the rate of exchange.

The business for year ending October 1 amounted to \$6,439.17, without counting these drafts.

My own work while Miss Marvin was here was to direct the school in general, keep the books, and teach. Since her withdrawal the work of house-

keeper and matron has fallen to me. In the last, however, I have been greatly assisted by Mlle. Renotte and Miss Granbery.

The God of all grace has been with us and sustained and helped us, and we enter another year upheld by his strong arm.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—PIRACICABA.

Missionaries.....	1
Assistants.....	7
Pupils in boarding-school.....	111
Communicants (not reported).....	...
Probationers (not reported).....	...
Value of property.....	\$20,800

RIO DE JANEIRO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS BRUCE,
MISS GRANBERY,

MISS JONES,
MISS MARVIN.

It is of the providence of God that Misses Jones and Bruce did not break down utterly under the pressure of additional work and without additional help the past year. A boarding-school for boys was opened in a separate building, and in dividing the work between this and the Girls' College too much fell to the share of each of these untiring laborers. But when Miss Watts was left without help proportionate to the requirements of her large school, Misses Bruce and Jones, following the royal law of love, sent of their scant supply the best gift they had—Miss Granbery, who went cheerfully to her temporary relief. The work has advanced, but at dear cost to the strength of these devoted women. Knowing what they had undertaken without the needed help, there have been times when the mails coming from Brazil were opened with dread lest they had brought the sorrowful tidings that some one had fallen at her post. They were safe, "covered with His feathers."

Miss Bruce gives the general *status* in her annual report, as follows:

In presenting the report of the *Eschola do Alto* for the year 1888 we are lifted up in spirit, and can only say, "Behold what hath God wrought!" and that through us his unworthy servants. To him be all the glory.

In the beginning of the year there were many difficulties in making repairs, drains, etc.; but one of the blessed things of this life is its constant changes, so these light afflictions pass away, and some new trouble or new joy comes to take their place.

Miss Jones's diploma was recognized, and license granted in November, 1887, and Miss Bruce's in the February following; and school was opened with heart full of hope on the 20th of February, 1888.

At the close of the quarter ending in March we had twenty-one pupils, and

our numbers have increased slowly but surely ever since. The whole number matriculated for the year was fifty, the number at the close being forty-two, eight having withdrawn. Of these withdrawals two removed from the city, two were withdrawn on account of sickness in their families, two from dissatisfaction, and one was taken from us by death.

Of the death of our first spiritual daughter, Julieta, we cannot forbear to say a word. She came to us when we were much discouraged, before we had any school, in September, 1887; and the Lord prepared her heart to receive the truth, which she did gladly, and exemplified it in her life. Her early death gave us an opportunity to influence the other members of her family, and we feel that our work has been owned and sanctified through her.

The attendance in school has been good, and the discipline and atmosphere of the house has been as much like a home as possible; and right here we would call attention to the large proportion of our pupils who are boarders. We opened with ten in the house, and the highest number during the year was twenty-one. These ranged in age from two and one-half years to fifteen, the greater number being under ten. I mention this for two reasons: First, our great opportunity is with the children who live with us, and we feel when a child is brought that God has given us favor with the people and inspired them with confidence in us; and second, the great labor of taking care of a number of children, especially small ones, and consequently the need not only of teachers, but of *house-mothers*. Here is one of our strong points of attack.

The health of the school has been remarkably good, a physician having been called in but once during the year.

It has been our endeavor to make the standard of excellence high, and the children have been well taught. The religious instruction has not been neglected. In our family some time is devoted each day, morning and evening, to Bible study, an effort being made to impress the children with some truth. The school is always opened with Scripture-reading, singing, and prayer, and the Bible is taught not alone in classes, but as it bears on all vital issues of daily life.

Two of our pupils have been received into the Church this year, making four since we went to Rio, and four others have offered themselves; and there has been a very decided religious tone in the house among the girls. We find much to discourage us, as we discover without hunting for them the low ideas of right and wrong, honor, justice, purity, etc.; but our joy is proportionately great when we can see any manifest desire to turn away from the evil.

This has been a year of trial with us, and next year will show much as to the opinion of the people. We pray for their favor, that the Lord through us may do them good. But we ask ourselves with more concern, Can we stand the test before "Him who shall sit as a refiner" to try us?

THE WORK FOR BOYS.

We earnestly represented to the board last year the need of something in the shape of a boys' home, and the work is so closely interwoven with that of the school that we give it in the same connection. In August we began to

arrange a home, which was opened in September, and the outlook for it is encouraging. We asked the board for rent only, and up to date it has cost us no more. The furnishing was provided for, and the expenses for beginning.

We are indebted to the "Rose-buds," of Virginia, for \$175, which very nearly furnished the house. We most earnestly desire that a good woman come out as matron for this house. This work is only begun, and must not be allowed to fall through, for it is all-important.

We began the year with two missionaries and one assistant teacher—Miss Mary Prestridge, of whom I have spoken—and Miss Morris, a pupil and helper; and we cannot say too much in praise of the faithfulness and devotion of these young ladies throughout the year. On March 1 we employed a Brazilian professor, who gave two hours' service each day, and in June a drawing-master was added to the force. Miss Granbery arrived in July, and took her place at once, remaining through August and September, when it was found best for her to go to Piracicaba to help Miss Watts. Miss Marvin came in August, and remained with us two months, when she returned to the United States on account of sickness in her family. Miss Lane came to our assistance in October, but could only remain one month. And thus, after all these changes, we found ourselves at the end of the year with two establishments and their multiplied cares, and just the same force which we had at the beginning.

We ask for another good teacher for the school and a matron for the boys' home. We have put our requests very modestly, hoping—nay, expecting—that they may be granted. The possibilities of Christian endeavor in Rio are so great, and will be touched upon in another place, so that here we only beg for the work already begun.

My health is much better than it was six months since, and I give thanks for it daily, but it is more than I can do to try to teach and keep the house as it should be done, and look after the multiplicity of things in a work like ours.

Miss Jones gives her whole time to the school, and Miss Granbery will do the same, and we need that some one in the house be ready for emergencies—visiting especially. In the absorbing pressure of the school work we are in danger of losing sight of the opportunities that come to us through that work.

Of our boarders eight are assisted by the school; of the day-pupils, six. We have received private contributions for the tuition of two pupils, which will be noticed in the financial report.

In conclusion we can only say that we are happy that our lot is cast in Brazil. We are grateful for the kindness of our fellow-workers.

FROM MISS JONES.

My work for the past eighteen months has been that of assistant to Miss Bruce, in Rio de Janeiro. In the review of my own part I find cause for no great satisfaction; but give thanks that discouragement and weakness on our human side changes not the power and faithfulness of our God, who follows us always with "loving-kindness and tender mercy."

It is difficult to present a thoroughly-connected report of one's occupations in a household of from fifteen to twenty children from two to thirteen years

of age; but, could it be done, it might give some new ideas of the qualifications necessary in a mission, as well also as of some of its sweet domestic joys. I began the year, as well as I can describe my duties, as nursery governess and maid in the beautiful home which in February was opened as the *Eschola do Alto* (School of the Height).

A suitable assistant having by this time been secured for the nursery, I took charge of the kindergarten and the training of two young teachers. As a number of the children were of advanced kindergarten age, however, it soon became necessary to organize a separate primary department, and leave the kindergarten to Miss Prestridge, aided by regular instructions and such supervision as I could give, with my whole time occupied in another department.

In the re-adjustment of work in August, when we had been re-enforced by Miss Granbery and Miss Marvin, and it was decided to open the boarding-house for boys, charge of the *Eschola do Alto* fell to my share. I endeavored to relieve Miss Bruce of all teaching, except the music, as the keeping of the boys and the business of both establishments were quite sufficient for her whole time and strength; and Miss Granbery's taking classes at once in both English and Portuguese gave me a little time—very little—for general supervision. Our programme under this division of labor had scarcely been perfected, however, when we were called upon to give up Miss Granbery to supply an urgent demand for help in *Collegio Piracicabano*. About the same time it was found necessary to dismiss the Brazilian professor because of his continual absence from classes, occasioned by bad health. We were so fortunate as to obtain the services, temporarily, of a most efficient lady friend; but Miss Marvin's unexpected return to the States, a few weeks later, necessitated Miss Lane's withdrawal from the school to take charge of the house-keeping; and a few weeks later she too was called away.

Of the conduct of the work through these changes I can give no more definite report than that we did all that strength and time permitted, the burden of each being increased as the force was decreased. The organization of the school was preserved, and pupils showed some gratifying progress, the parents generally expressing satisfaction.

I find it well-nigh impossible to conduct a school upon the high educational principles familiar in the United States, under present conditions; and our institution can never be worthy of its great opportunities until we can have it supplied with trained teachers and suitable text-books, which are not yet to be found in Brazil.

The Bible is taught constantly in the school, my place with the younger children having been to spend a few minutes each morning with a Bible story or memorizing selected passages—the Ten Commandments particularly.

In family worship I have found that the method most satisfactory is the reading of selected chapters at morning prayers, beginning with the creation, and preserving the unbroken thread of the story of God's wonderful provision and preparation for the final redemption of mankind; and at evening prayers questioning the children on the subject of the morning reading, bringing out as clearly as possible the leading thoughts, keeping always in mind, but not always putting it in human words, that "Christ is all and in

all," and that no step is onward that does not lead to him. Following the course of the narrative, we have read nearly to the end of 1 Samuel, and the steady growth of interest and knowledge of the Scriptures has been most gratifying.

Obedience does not always follow the knowledge of the truth; but, besides the four children who are candidates for Church-membership, we have been granted the great joy of partaking of the holy communion with our four largest girls, one of whom has since been called to enter into the company of the redeemed on high.

Help us to pray for the perfecting of those who are left to our care, and give thanks through our tears for her who is safe in the bosom of the Father.

FROM MISS GRANBERRY.

My report is necessarily very short, as I have been in Brazil only five months. The first two months were spent in the Rio school, where I had charge principally of the primary department. During this time I was in the school-room only four hours a day besides the time devoted to my Portuguese lessons.

The last of September it was thought best for me to come to the school in Piracicaba, where I commenced work October 1 and continued until the Christmas holidays. I had classes in arithmetic, reading, and English. All of them were very interesting and enthusiastic. I was in the class-room all the time during school-hours, and had charge of the sewing-hour in the afternoon. My time out of school was mostly taken up with the study of Portuguese, in which I had daily lessons.

In my conversations with the children I have been much struck with their love and reverence for the Bible. One child said to me: "When I go home for vacation I am not going to hide my Bible in the bottom of my trunk, but am going to put it on the table where every one can see it." Another insisted on buying two large Bibles and two Testaments; said she wanted to make presents of them to her relatives.

STATISTICS OF WORK.—RIO DE JANEIRO.

Missionaries.....	4
Assistant teachers.....	4
Boarding-schools.....	2
Pupils.....	50
Communicants.....	4
Probationers.....	4
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$25,000

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—BRAZIL.

Missionaries.....	5
Assistant teachers.....	11
Boarding-schools.....	3
Pupils.....	161
Communicants (whole number not reported).....	...
Probationers (whole number not reported).....	...
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$45,800

INDIAN TERRITORY.

HARRELL INSTITUTE (at Muscogee).

MISSIONARY.

MISS A. V. WILSON.

Rev. T. F. Brewer sends the following:

Now that we are far into the seventh month of the eighth annual term of Harrell Institute it gives me great pleasure to report it as being the most prosperous one we have hitherto had. Harmony has prevailed throughout all the departments, and the students have been generally obedient and studious.

Miss Wilson has already given you the statistics of the school, which are correct excepting the number of beneficiaries. Her report gave only those in the boarding-department, whereas we have something near thirty among our day-pupils. Preachers and poor widows are charged no tuition for their children.

I have nothing but praise to report of our teachers. Miss Wilson, the lady Principal, has taught classes in the collegiate department. Her work has been thorough in every respect. Her health has not been good this session, but we hope she will improve with the opening of spring.

Miss Duncan has assisted in both the collegiate and music departments, dividing her time between the two as she was needed. She has done good work in both of these departments.

Miss Bessie Wier, daughter of the Rev. Dr. T. C. Wier, of the North Mississippi Conference, was employed last September, and put in charge of the intermediate department. She is an excellent teacher and a Christian lady. She graduated from the Memphis Conference Female Institute, at Jackson, Tenn., after which she took a post-graduate course in the same school.

Miss Simpson is Principal in the music and Miss Hobson in the art department, and their work this year is, if any difference, more satisfactory than last year. They are first-class teachers, and their work in this school will be long remembered.

Miss Warren has charge of the primary department, and has done efficient work since her connection with the school.

While the attendance of the students is still irregular, it is not more so than in other schools.

From the financial report accompanying this one, you will observe that the receipts are not equal to those received by the schools in the States with an equal number of matriculates. This is attributed to the irregular attendance of students and the large number of beneficiaries.

SUMMARY OF WORK.—HARRELL INSTITUTE.

Missionary.	1
Teachers and matron.	7
Pupils in school.	145
Communicants	28
Value of property of Woman's Mission Board.	\$15,500

SUMMARY OF WORK.—PAWHUSKA.

Teacher (Miss Arrington).....	1
Day-school.....	1
Pupils.....	9

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—INDIAN MISSION.

Missionaries.....	1
Teachers and matron.....	8
Boarding-school.....	1
Day-school.....	1
Pupils (boarding, 145; day, 9).....	154
Communicants (whole number not reported).....	...
Value of property of Woman's Board.....	\$15,500

In mission-work heart and desire are ever reaching out to keep pace with widening opportunities and piteous calls for advancement. To know how far to go, where to put a check on this onward, God-impelling march, that financial disaster may not result to boards and societies, is a problem that faith and hope and patience have not been able to solve.

Plans may fail, difficulties arise, discouragements follow, but faith sits apart, trusting, waiting. "God's overrule is there."

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record
 One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the world.
 Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne;
 Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
 Standeth God amid the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

Our Honored Dead. .

BISHOP H. N. McTYEIRE.

It is meet for the Woman's Missionary Society to place on the grave of the lamented bishop a crown of *immortelles*, as a token of lasting sorrow, reverence, and love. He was the stanch friend of the Society—the ever-accessible and wise counselor of the quorum of the Executive Board located in Nashville, Tenn.

His ear was always open, his pen ready, and his heart willing to further the interests of the work. In his last illness he spoke of it as a "most important organization of the Church, that had done a great work and must be fostered." He mentioned plans he had hoped to mature for facilitating the training of its missionaries.

A prince and a great man hath fallen in Israel. Shall we see his like? God knows.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1887-8.

CONFERENCES.

	Number of Adult Auxiliaries in the Conferences.	Number of Adult Members.	Number of Auxiliaries Organized During the Year.	Number of Members Added During the Year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies Organized During the Year.	Number of Juvenile Members Added During the Year.	Total Members.	Life-members.	Honorary Life-members.	Honorary Life-patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day-schools Supported.	Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate.
Alabama.....	85	1503	20	292	33	906	5	55	2409	14	1	1	1	1	443
Arkansas.....	23	417	11	288	9	230	7	190	647	2	2	2	1	1	50
Baltimore.....	65	1662	.....	62	17	636	.....	8	2298	93	2	2	4	4	358
Denver.....	4	79	2	33	5	138	2	50	217	1	1	1	.....	.....	30
East Texas.....	27	690	4	43	10	340	3	120	1030	17	1	1	.....	.....	275
Florida.....	86	1717	.....	.....	51	1465	.....	.....	3182	46	1	1	1	1	310
Holston.....	112	2098	24	526	64	1843	27	1127	3941	100	.....	.....	2	1	593
Indian Mission.....	2	48	.....	.....	2	20	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Kentucky.....	65	1162	8	111	26	531	5	100	1693	122	5	2	3	.....	425
Little Rock.....	47	800	6	69	28	722	4	344	1522	19	1	1	.....	.....	200
Los Angeles.....	10	228	.....	5	1	16	.....	.....	244	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126
Louisiana.....	37	990	9	174	12	478	4	50	1468	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	193
Louisville.....	55	1003	4	36	43	1033	8	174	2036	41	.....	.....	3	1	256
Memphis.....	53	1005	10	5	39	1323	10	302	2328	75	5	2	341
Mississippi.....	49	1018	15	214	1232	23	136

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*MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1888.		ALABAMA CONFERENCE.	
May	6.	Received of Mrs. Aycock and Miss Wolfe, to make Y. J. Allen a life-patron.....	\$ 25 00
July	2.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....	630 15
Sept.	28.	By same.....	604 14
1889.			
Jan.	5.	By same.....	708 71
April	4.	By same.....	710 00
Total.....			\$ 2,678 00
(\$80 of above for scholarships; \$381.03 for self-denial and thank offerings; \$42.77 mite-box collections; \$220.23 on piano for Saltillo; \$17 for Harrell Institute; \$12.50 for work at Kading.)			

1888.		ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.	
July	2.	Received of Mrs. T. K. May, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 19 65
Sept.	24.	By same.....	37 57
Dec.	4.	By same.....	30 00
	18.	Received of Mrs. Frank Parke, Conference Treasurer.....	135 25
1889.			
March	20.	By same.....	67 82
Total.....			\$ 290 29
(\$5 of above from Mrs. Suddeth, for Rev. C. B. Moseley, of Japan; \$9.55 for Harrell Institute; \$10 for work at Kading.) (\$15.45 paid Rev. T. F. Brewer at Arkansas Conference, on pledge for Harrell Institute, but did not pass through Treasurer's hands.)			

1888.		BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.	
May	3.	Received of Miss M. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 40 00
	6.	By same.....	5 00
June	25.	Received of Mrs. F. E. Bond, Conference Secretary.....	208 77
Sept.	22.	Received of Miss M. Baker, Treasurer.....	382 64
Dec.	27.	Received of Miss Virginia Massie, Conference Treasurer.....	620 75
1889.			
April	1.	By same.....	1,026 13
Total.....			\$ 2,283 29
(\$5 of above to make Dr. Allen a life-patron; \$15 for Harrell Institute; \$75 for Laredo; \$109.22 for scholarships; \$156.90 as self-denial and thank offerings; \$23.95 for sanitarium; \$8.19 from mite-box collections; \$6.34 for organ at Nantziang; \$40 for Miss Wilkins's school at Shanghai.)			

1888.		DENVER CONFERENCE.	
June	27.	Received of Mrs. J. B. Nutter, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 5 45
July	5.	Received of Mrs. Sue A. Morrison.....	100 00
Sept.	22.	Received of Mrs. J. B. Nutter, Conference Treasurer.....	12 40
Dec.	11.	Received of an unknown friend in Denver (thank-offering).....	500 00
	29.	Received of Mrs. E. V. Carroll, Conference Secretary.....	27 05
Total.....			\$ 644 90

1888.		EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.	
April	9.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 95 45
	21.	By same.....	4 99
June	21.	By same.....	43 50
Sept.	22.	By same.....	75 10
Dec.	29.	By same.....	183 90

1889.			
Jan.	25.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 100 00
March	20.	By same.....	78 90
April	4.	By same.....	79 65
	4.	Received of Mrs. F. A. Heartsill, Conference Secretary.....	52 45
		Total.....	\$ 713 94
(\$49.50 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$23.70 mite-box collections; \$10 for Laredo; \$47 for new missionaries.)			

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

1888.			
June	25.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 600 00
1889.			
Jan.	3.	Received of Miss L. Tucker, self-denial offering of a friend.....	2 00
	5.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer.....	55 00
	23.	By same.....	250 00
March	23.	By same.....	600 00
April	6.	Received of Mrs. Lizzie Hay, Tompkinsville.....	5 00
		Total.....	\$ 2,007 00
(\$35.20 of above for scholarship; \$7 for organ; \$18.70 for China; \$35 70 for Miss Haygood; \$10.50 for Laredo; \$49.10 self-denial and thank offerings; \$67.15 mite-box collections.)			

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

1888.			
June	30.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 547 84
Oct.	10.	Received of Mrs. P. E. Barr, Abingdon, Va.....	30 00
	11.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	327 75
Sept.	22.	Received of Garland H. Ferguson, Waynesville.....	3 00
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	718 71
1889.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	1,064 02
	8.	By same.....	23 00
	15.	Received of a widow and two daughters at Chattanooga (a thank-offering).....	15 00
March	7.	Received of Lizzie Brown, Pikeville, Tenn.....	6 85
April	1.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	1,434 73
	6.	By same.....	9 36
		Total.....	\$ 4,180 26
(\$49.68 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$63.91 mite-box collections; \$82.65 for Indian Missions; \$47.65 for Laredo; \$30 for scholarships; \$100 for day-school.)			

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

1888.			
July	16.	Received of Mrs. Ida Bolander.....	\$ 18 90
Sept.	27.	By same.....	15 90
Dec.	29.	By same.....	58 70
1889.			
March	25.	By same.....	19 91
		Total.....	\$ 113 41
(\$7.45 of above self-denial and thank offerings.)			

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

1888.			
June	18.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 547 50
Sept.	17.	By same.....	548 79
Dec.	29.	By same.....	1,174 26
1889.			
March	20.	By same.....	942 05
		Total.....	\$ 3,212 60
(\$351.10 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$47.22 mite-box collections; \$509.84 for Laredo; \$6.52 for Harreh Institute; \$2 90 for Payne Institute; \$100 for scholarships; \$5 for Saltillo; \$21 for Kading; \$39.89 from birthday box.)			

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

1888.			
June	30.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 127 33
Oct.	1.	By same.....	257 55
1889.			
Jan.	1.	By same.....	210 48
March	21.	By same.....	300 28
		Total.....	\$ 895 64
(\$93.21 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$49.70 for Indian Missions; \$39.85 mite-box collections; \$10 for scholarship; \$60 for Bible-woman.)			

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1888. LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 98 90
Sept. 28.	By same.....	61 63
Dec. 27.	By same.....	111 37
1889.		
Jan. 3.	Received of Annie Wooley.....	10 00
April 3.	Received of Mrs. Joe Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....	70 68
	Total.....	\$ 352 58
	(\$66.66 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$28.28 mite-box collections; \$15 for Home and School; \$53.50 for Mrs. Campbell's work.)	

1888. LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

June 15.	Received of Mrs. Viola Slaughter, Nolin, Ky.....	\$ 1 50
July 5.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	510 65
Sept. 17.	Received of J. S. Keen, proceeds of jewelry.....	7 00
20.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	330 51
Dec. 18.	By same.....	704 56
1889.		
Jan. 21.	By same.....	21 00
Feb. 7.	By lady in Louisville, on piano for Nantziang.....	2 00
March 21.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	986 59
	Total.....	\$ 2,563 81
	(\$50 of above for Harrell Institute; \$60 for day-school; \$2 for organ for China; \$273.69 self-denial and thank offerings; \$75.69 mite-box collections; \$144.70 for Laredo; \$120 for scholarships; \$38.50 for Kading; \$261.97 for piano for Rio.)	
	(\$125 paid Baldwin & Co., on piano, but did not pass through Treasurer's hands.)	

1888. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

May 6.	Received of Mrs. Fullilove.....	\$ 5 00
June 25.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	244 64
1889.		
Jan. 3.	By same.....	647 23
21.	Received of Mary E. Carr, Oak Ridge.....	2 00
	Total.....	\$ 898 87
	(\$68.18 of above self-denial offerings; \$49.50 mite-box collections.)	

1888. MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

June 30.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 754 83
Sept. 24.	By same.....	540 21
Dec. 18.	By same.....	585 31
1889.		
Jan. 21.	By same.....	28 50
April 1.	By same.....	838 97
	Total.....	\$ 2,747 82
	(\$270.87 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$76.48 mite-box collections; \$102.67 for Laredo; \$96 60 for scholarships; \$578.16 Rankin Memorial Fund)	

1888. MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

May 15.	Received of Mrs. J. A. Lewis.....	\$ 2 00
July 9.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer.....	359 50
Sept. 17.	Received of Mrs. J. A. Lewis, Sea-shore Auxiliary.....	31 00
22.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer.....	182 20
Oct. 12.	Received of Mrs. Grace Stokes, Vosburg.....	6 00
Dec. 29.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer.....	315 54
1889.		
Jan. 21.	Received of Mrs. M. P. Payne, Lake View, Miss.....	1 00
March 25.	Received of Mrs. Annie Demoss, Conference Treasurer.....	690 15
April 2.	By same.....	51 06
	Total.....	\$ 1,638 45
	(\$114.45 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$30.82 mite-box collections; \$7.35 for Indian Missions; \$33.25 for Kading; \$176.40 for Miss McClellan; \$3.45 for Miss Hughes; \$31.25 for new missionaries.)	

1888. MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

May 6.	Received of Mrs. Hendrix.....	\$ 20 00
June 4.	Received of R. P. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	142 00
27.	By same.....	517 54
Sept. 27.	By same.....	391 19
Dec. 3.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Barker, Wellsville.....	3 75

1889.			
Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. R. P. Williams, Conference Treasurer	\$ 454 18
March	21.	By same.....	892 61
April	4.	Received of Minnie Young, Palmyra.....	11 00
		Total	\$ 2,432 27
(\$67.40 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$76.33 mite-box collections; \$87.51 for scholarships; \$400 for furnishing Rio College; \$70.65 for Harrell Institute; \$200 for piano for Rio; \$85 for Kading; \$50 for Miss Bruce; \$231.39 for new missionaries.)			

1888.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 523 02
	25.	By same.....	16 15
Sept.	27.	By same.....	748 56
Dec.	29.	By same.....	392 00
1889.			
March	21.	Received of Miss Belle Shahan, Atalla.....	7 30
	25.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	423 99
		Total	\$ 2,111 02
(\$66.67 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$190.24 mite-box collections; \$247.91 for Laredo; \$28.50 for Kading; \$16.15 for Indian Missions.)			

1888.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	30.	Received of Mrs. V. E. Lenhardt, Lowell, N. C.....	\$ 2 95
June	11.	Received of Miss M. E. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	328 65
July	24.	Received of Miss Lucy H. Robertson.....	641 98
Sept.	22.	Received of Mrs. L. A. Cunniggin.....	218 58
Dec.	27.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Branson, Conference Treasurer.....	354 17
1889.			
March	23.	By same.....	894 37
		Total	\$ 2,440 70
(\$604.64 of above from "Bright Jewels;" \$168.28 self-denial and thank offerings; \$57.17 mite-box collections; \$101 for scholarships; \$60.30 for Laredo; \$10 for Rio; \$39.94 for Kading.)			

1888.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 1,197 45
Oct.	5.	By same.....	1,105 40
1889.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	1,730 30
	3.	Received of Mrs. E. H. Myers and sister.....	2 00
Feb.	7.	Received of an unknown lady in Dalton.....	10 00
April	3.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	1,936 35
		Total	\$ 5,981 50
(\$365 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$214.25 mite-box collections; \$121.05 for scholarships; \$100 for Laredo; \$5 for Rio; \$769.45 for Home and School at Shanghai; \$307.50 for new missionaries; \$9.10 for Mrs. Campbell's work; \$2 on organ for Nantziang.)			

1888.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Miss Mollie A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 514 30
Oct.	20.	By same.....	661 89
1889.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	1,014 77
	16.	By same.....	30 00
	25.	By same.....	20 00
April	6.	By same.....	878 86
		Total	\$ 3,119 82
(\$318.11 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$146.40 mite-box collections; \$165.40 for scholarships; \$100 for Laredo; \$233.70 for Kading; \$84.65 for Miss Rankin; \$26 for organ at Nantziang.)			

1888.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	5.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 184 50
Oct.	1.	By same.....	194 00
Dec.	27.	By same.....	267 62
1889.			
April	1.	By same.....	196 75
		Total	\$ 842 87
(\$11.70 of above mite-box collections; \$80.17 for Laredo; \$32 for Harrell Institute; \$28.35 self-denial and thank offerings.)			

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1888.		NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.	
June	14.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 113 45
Sept.	24.	By same.....	120 90
Dec.	29.	By same.....	179 52
1889.			
Feb.	7.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Woods.....	1 00
	7.	Received of Mrs. M. J. Monseger.....	1 00
	25.	Received of Miss Lulu Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	1 50
April	1.	By same.....	139 72
Total			\$ 557 09
(\$27.87 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$20.36 mite-box collections; \$100 for Laredo; \$6.45 for Harrell Institute; \$3 Memorial Fund; \$3.50 for organ at Nantziang.)			

1888.		PACIFIC CONFERENCE.	
June	30.	Received of Mrs. G. W. Fentress, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 42 95
Oct.	1.	Received from an unknown friend.....	63 95
Dec.	29.	Received of Rev. J. C. Simmons, Colusa, Cal.....	11 50
1889.			
Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. G. W. Fentress, Conference Treasurer.....	49 60
Total			\$ 168 00
(\$27.40 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$5.20 mite-box collections.)			

1888.		SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.	
July	11.	Received of Miss Annie A. Warren, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 881 58
Oct.	9.	By same.....	540 50
1889.			
Jan.	8.	By same.....	1,263 28
Feb.	7.	Received of Mrs. Jennie Kirkland, Buford Bridge.....	8 00
	15.	Received of Mrs. L. C. Connor, Summerville.....	6 00
April	1.	Received of Miss Annie A. Warren, Conference Treasurer.....	1,452 43
Total			\$ 4,151 79
(\$778.86 of above for Miss Brown; \$281.47 self-denial and thank offerings; \$109.21 mite-box collections; \$50 for Laredo; \$86.20 for scholarships; \$40.70 for Home and School; \$6 for organ for Nantziang; \$50 to make Dr. Allen a life-patron; \$1.95 for Isabel at Saltillo.)			

1888.		SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.	
July	2.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 1,012 95
Oct.	5.	By same.....	997 20
	20.	By same.....	2 70
1889.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	1,200 46
April	2.	By same.....	1,159 16
Total			\$ 4,372 57
(\$247.54 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$33.52 mite-box collections; \$128.39 for scholarships; \$821.85 for Home and School; \$14.65 for Kading; \$50.70 to make Dr. Allen a life-patron; \$16.25 for Harrell Institute.)			

1888.		SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.	
June	20.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 581 34
July	25.	By same.....	112 80
Sept.	27.	Received of A. S. Van Anglen.....	50 69
	27.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	606 89
1889.			
Jan.	5.	By same.....	794 56
	25.	Received of N. C. Lindsay and C. A. Calvin, Clinton, Mo.....	80 00
April	3.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	1,043 96
	6.	By same.....	33 14
Total			\$ 3,303 38
(\$306.81 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$7 for organ at Nantziang; \$114.80 for Dr. Philips's library; \$300 for day-schools; \$15 for Harrell Institute; \$92.67 for Kading; \$32.85 mite-box collections; \$43 for Home and School; \$170 for scholarships; \$384.54 for Suchow.)			

1888.		ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.	
June	20.	Received of L. D. Dameron Auxiliary at Knob Lick.....	\$ 7 00
	20.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....	592 14
Sept.	22.	By same.....	120 53

1888.			
Dec.	29.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 524 14
1889.			
March	25.	By same.....	507 50
		Total	\$ 1,751 31
		(\$158.50 of above for piano for Harrell Institute; \$96.45 for Harrell Institute; \$132.45 for Kading; \$180 for scholarships; \$27.45 mite-box collections; \$85.81 self-denial and thank offerings.)	

1888. TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

May	13.	Received of Mrs. J. L. Parks, Franklin.....	\$ 20 00
June	30.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....	890 35
July	24.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Williams, Greenville.....	5 00
Sept.	28.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....	462 34
Dec.	7.	Received of Mrs. J. W. Ordorff, Adams Station.....	7 75
	29.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....	1,071 14
1889.			
March	30.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Dance, Lynchburg.....	4 00
April	1.	Received of Mrs. B. N. Herring, Conference Treasurer.....	1,686 94
		Total	\$ 4,147 52
		(\$73.50 of above to make Dr. Allen a life-patron; \$75 for Miss Kate Roberts; \$10.50 for Miss Haygood; \$80 for scholarships; \$20 for Laredo; \$321.61 mite-box collections; \$81.30 for organ for Nantziang; \$616.53 self-denial and thank offerings.)	

1888. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

May	6.	Received of Dr. I. G. John.....	\$ 10 00
June	20.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	134 53
Sept.	22.	By same.....	157 08
Dec.	29.	By same.....	431 66
1889.			
March	19.	By same.....	216 90
		Total	\$ 950 17
		(\$25 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$26.25 mite-box collections; \$347.93 for Laredo; \$10 for Home and School; \$40 as a birthday gift; \$10 to make Dr. Allen a life-patron.)	

-1888. VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July	2.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 621 33
	16.	Received of F. E. Lemons.....	1 00
Sept.	22.	Received of Miss S. A. Howard, Camp Creek.....	4 00
Oct.	8.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	746 61
1889.			
Jan.	8.	By same.....	1,331 76
	15.	By same.....	50 60
	15.	Received of Mrs. John O. Moss, Meridian.....	5 00
April	4.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	85 60
		Total	\$ 3,565 30
		(\$57.42 of above for hospital work; \$120 for scholarships; \$105 for Home and School; \$50 for an organ at Nantziang; \$53.99 for Laredo; \$75.26 mite-box collections; \$333.38 self-denial and thank offerings.)	

1888. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. Mary E. Barker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 102 87
Sept.	27.	By same.....	90 23
Dec.	27.	By same.....	33 36
1889.			
March	25.	By same.....	24 73
		Total	\$ 251 19
		(\$63 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$51.10 for scholarships.)	

1888. WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

May	7.	Received of Mrs. R. H. Prichard.....	\$ 12 00
July	2.	Received of Miss Addie M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	106 37
Sept.	17.	Received of Mrs. M. M. Tyree, Ansted.....	5 00
Oct.	4.	Received of Miss Addie M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	110 57
Dec.	29.	By same.....	243 66
1889.			
April	1.	By same.....	172 75
		Total	\$ 650 35
		(\$62.65 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$10.26 mite-box collections; \$231.77 for Laredo.)	

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	30.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Rogan, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	60	35
Sept.	27.	By same.....		46	45
1889.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		130	45
March	25.	By same.....		106	45
		Total.....	\$	343	70
		(\$51.10 of above self-denial and thank offerings; \$13.75 mite-box collections; \$8 for Laredo; \$5 for Laredo library.)			

1888.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

July	24.	Received of Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	31	38
Sept.	27.	Received of H. M. Granade, from Mrs. M. Jackson.....		1	00
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Conference Treasurer.....		52	30
	20.	By same.....		5	00
Dec.	12.	By same.....		58	70
1889.					
Jan.	8.	By same.....		18	88
	15.	Received of Mrs. Annie Nully, Searcy.....		29	95
April	1.	Received of Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Conference Treasurer.....		39	99
		Total.....	\$	237	20
		(\$11.90 of above self-denial; \$6.10 mite-box collections; \$29.95 for Harrell Institute.)			

1888.

SPECIALS.

June	4.	Received of Carrie Holmes, Crowville.....	\$	2	00
Oct.	15.	Interest on deposits to date.....		587	67
Dec.	4.	Received of a friend to Missions.....		5	00
1889.					
Jan.	9.	Received of Mrs. L. J. Ellison, Girard, Ga.....		8	00
April	3.	Received of Mrs. A. L. Wooley, for Mrs. Campbell's work.....		10	00
	5.	Received of J. D. Barbee, Treasurer, interest on deposits.....		127	57
	6.	Interest on deposits to date.....		826	49
		Total.....	\$	1,566	73
		Total receipts for fiscal year.....	\$	68,165	34

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's
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1888.			
April	13.	Paid J. H. Fall & Co., for safe.....	\$ 80 00
	16.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	50 00
May	8.	Paid Dr. Y. J. Allen, superintendent of China Mission.....	500 00
	9.	Paid Miss Ella Granbery, missionary to Brazil.....	450 00
	17.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Laredo building.....	600 00
	21.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, expenses to Nashville.....	50 00
	24.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company, for Mrs. Juliana Hayes.....	304 30
June	4.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, leaflet bill.....	37 37
	5.	Paid Treasurer of Board of Missions, for Harrell Institute.....	1,550 00
	12.	Paid expenses of officers and managers to annual meeting of Woman's Board of Missions.....	109 85
	22.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, fourth quarter for Laredo, and Miss Toland's expenses to annual meeting of Woman's Board of Missions.....	1,639 50
	22.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Saltillo.....	500 00
	22.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Indian Missions.....	250 00
	26.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Laredo.....	83 00
	26.	Paid T. F. Brewer, for Harrell Institute.....	40 00
	26.	Paid Miss Wolfe one-half of her salary, and expenses to Nashville.....	93 00
July	3.	Paid W. C. Dunlap, agent for Paine Institute.....	20 90
	3.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, for office expenses.....	37 50
	4.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	52
	9.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, fourth quarter for China.....	3,376 75
	9.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Piracicaba.....	262 00
	9.	Paid same, salary of Mlle. Rennotte.....	187 50
	9.	Paid same, for Rio College.....	142 00
	9.	Paid same, for day-school at Kading.....	150 00
	9.	Paid same, fourth quarter for Rio College.....	375 00
	11.	Paid Miss Mary McClellan, outfit.....	200 00
	15.	Paid Miss Mary McClellan, expenses to China.....	400 00
Aug.	21.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for Harrell Institute.....	1,550 00
Sept.	6.	Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	200 00
	17.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, special for Saltillo.....	25 00
	18.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, first quarter for Saltillo.....	500 00
	26.	Paid same, first quarter for Laredo.....	2,175 00
	26.	Paid same, for Harrell Institute.....	775 00
	26.	Paid same, salary of Miss Arrington.....	150 00
	26.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for printing reports, etc.....	631 96
	28.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, first quarter for Piracicaba.....	775 00
	28.	Paid same, first quarter for Rio College.....	1,795 50
	28.	Paid same, first quarter for China.....	5,019 00
Oct.	8.	Paid Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	50 00
	8.	Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....	75 00
	10.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary.....	62 50
	27.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for leaflets.....	163 82
Nov.	9.	Paid Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	50 00
	10.	Paid J. D. Hamilton, mite-boxes.....	86 67
Dec.	4.	Paid T. F. Brewer, for Harrell Institute.....	175 79
	4.	Paid Miss Kate Warren.....	15 00
	4.	Paid Mrs. W. R. Hammond, Atlanta, Ga.....	40 00
	18.	Paid Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	50 00
1889.			
Jan.	4.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, salary of Miss Wilson.....	150 00
	4.	Paid same, salary of Miss Arrington.....	150 00
	4.	Paid same, second quarter for Harrell Institute.....	325 00
	4.	Paid same, second quarter for Saltillo.....	674 75
	4.	Paid same, second quarter for Laredo.....	1,702 00
	4.	Paid same, salary of Mlle. Rennotte.....	187 50
	4.	Paid same, salary of Miss Watts.....	187 50
	4.	Paid same, second quarter for Rio College.....	592 00
	4.	Paid same, salary of Miss Granbery.....	187 50
	4.	Paid Mrs. A. Hendrix, for Miss Bruce.....	50 00
	5.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary.....	87 25
	10.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for leaflets.....	118 21

1889.			
Jan.	10.	Paid Edward Nennstiel, on piano for Harrell Institute.....	\$ 68 00
	10.	Paid Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	100 00
	10.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Laredo.....	365 70
	12.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, duty on piano to Rio	97 00
	12.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, special for Mexican Border.....	64 00
	17.	Paid T. F. Brewer, for Harrell Institute.....	40 00
	17.	Paid Miss Kate Warren, for Harrell Institute.....	30 65
	29.	Paid D. H. Baldwin & Co., freight on piano.....	18 00
	29.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, printing and postage.....	74 71
	29.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, for property at Saltillo	1,000 00
Feb.	9.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	2 00
	9.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer, for postage.....	5 00
	19.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for leaflets.....	120 11
	19.	Paid Mrs. S. A. Wood, New York.....	50
March	6.	Miss A. C. Christman, for outfit.....	200 00
	6.	Miss Ella Yarrell, for outfit.....	200 00
	6.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	1 10
	16.	Paid Miss Samuella Brown, medical course.....	100 00
	16.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, expenses to Nashville.....	19 30
	23.	Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, expenses of travel in Mexico for Woman's Board of Missions	56 30
	23.	Paid Miss M. Baker, Treasurer Memorial Fund.....	3 00
	23.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, third quarter for Rio College.....	655 60
	25.	Paid Mrs. I. Hughes, for state-rooms for missionaries to Brazil.....	75 00
	28.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, payment for Rio College.....	4,700 00
	28.	Paid salaries of Misses Watts and Renotte.....	375 00
	30.	Paid J. D. Hamilton, mite-boxes.....	28 12
April	1.	Paid First National Bank of Nashville, second quarter draft for China..	5,304 25
	4.	Paid Edward Nennstiel, on piano for Harrell Institute.....	90 50
	4.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	71
	5.	Paid Treasurer Board of Missions, third quarter for China.....	5,169 25
	5.	Paid same, third quarter for Mexican Border Mission.....	1,125 00
	5.	Paid same, salary of Miss Arrington, Indian Mission.....	150 00
	5.	Paid same, salary of Miss Wilson, Indian Mission	150 00
	5.	Paid same, third quarter for Harrell Institute	325 00
	5.	Paid J. D. Barbee, Agent, for printing and stationery.....	21 70
	5.	Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary.....	78 75
		Total disbursements.....	\$ 51,080 39

RECAPITULATION.

Amount collected by mite-boxes.....	\$ 1,921 47✓
Amount collected during Week of Prayer and Self-denial.....	3,540 21✓

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27
1879-80.....	13,775 97
1880-81.....	19,362 10
1881-82.....	25,609 44
1882-83.....	29,647 31
1883-84.....	38,873 52
1884-85.....	52,652 12
1885-86.....	51,588 76
1886-87.....	50,092 63
1887-88.....	69,729 65
1888-89.....	68,165 34
Total receipts.....	\$ 423,511 11

Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., *Treasurer.*

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 8, 1889.

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South :

The books of Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer, for the year ending April 8, 1889, have been carefully examined and found correct, with vouchers on hand for all expenditures made.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPH D. HAMILTON, *Auditor.*

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,678 00	North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 5,981 50
Arkansas Conference.....	290 29	North Mississippi Conference.....	3,119 82
Baltimore Conference.....	2,283 29	North Texas Conference.....	842 87
Denver Conference.....	644 90	North-west Texas Conference.....	557 09
East Texas Conference.....	713 94	Pacific Conference.....	168 00
Florida Conference.....	2,007 00	South Carolina Conference.....	4,151 79
Holston Conference.....	4,180 26	South Georgia Conference.....	4,372 57
Indian Mission Conference.....	113 41	South-west Missouri Conference.....	3,303 38
Kentucky Conference.....	3,212 60	St. Louis Conference.....	1,751 31
Little Rock Conference.....	895 64	Tennessee Conference.....	4,147 52
Louisiana Conference.....	898 87	Texas Conference.....	950 17
Louisville Conference.....	2,563 81	Virginia Conference.....	3,565 30
Los Angeles Conference.....	352 58	West Texas Conference.....	343 70
Memphis Conference.....	2,747 82	Western Conference.....	251 19
Mississippi Conference.....	1,638 45	Western Virginia Conference.....	650 35
Missouri Conference.....	2,432 27	White River Conference.....	237 20
North Alabama Conference.....	2,111 02	Specials.....	1,566 73
North Carolina Conference.....	2,440 70	Total.....	\$68,165 34

REPORT OF MEMORIAL FUND.

Receipts from April 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889.

Alabama Conference Society.....	\$ 17 75	North-west Texas Conference Society.....	\$ 6 00
Arkansas Conference Society.....	13 75	South Carolina Conference Society.....	6 00
Baltimore Conference Society.....	17 05	South Georgia Conference Society.....	4 75
East Texas Conference Society.....	14 25	Tennessee Conference Society.....	21 27
Holston Conference Society.....	6 56	Texas Conference Society.....	9 85
Little Rock Conference Society.....	7 00	West Texas Conference Society.....	3 00
Louisiana Conference Society.....	2 00	Unknown.....	5 25
Louisville Conference Society.....	8 82		
Mississippi Conference Society.....	1 50	Amount previously reported.....	\$ 188 06
Missouri Conference Society.....	20 36	Interest on deposit January 1, 1889.....	1,555 45
North Carolina Conference Society.....	1 00	Total receipts.....	40 26
North Georgia Conference Society.....	19 90		
North Mississippi Conference Society.....	2 00		

MISS M. BAKER, *Treasurer Memorial Fund.*

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Opening Session.

THE opening session of the eleventh annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Eighth Street Church, Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday, May 1, 1889, at eight o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

1. ANTHEM: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." Choir.
2. SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah lx.
3. HYMN: "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."
4. PRAYER. Miss Holding, missionary to Mexican Border.
5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME. Mrs. William Thompson, Little Rock, Ark.
6. RESPONSE. Mrs. Samuel Watson, Memphis, Tenn.
7. ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT. Mrs. Juliana Hayes.
8. HYMN: "From Greenland's icy mountains."
9. BENEDICTION. Rev. Dr. Wilson.

The words of welcome were sincere and warm, making members and guests feel at home, while the response beautifully expressed the sentiments of all who were welcomed so kindly to the "City of Roses."

The President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, embodied in her annual address an interesting report of the World's Missionary Conference held in London, England, July, 1888, which she attended as a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society. Her stirring words and vivid description of the great council assembled in that world-center made the workers present rejoice that they were already engaged in the conquest of the world for Christ, while her appeal to those not enlisted could not fail to awaken thought that may develop into purpose and action.

Business Session.

On Thursday, May 2, 1889, the Woman's Board of Missions convened in regular business session at 9:30 A.M., in Eighth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Little Rock, Ark.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hayes, President. A Scripture lesson from 1 Chronicles xxix. was read impressively, and in the prayer that followed, while the earnest pleading of Mrs. Hayes ascended, the answer came with assurance that God who called the women "to publish peace" was with the Woman's Board of Missions then assembled.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary of the Board, Miss Maria L. Gibson, Mrs. S. C. Truheart was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and Rules of Order and Order of Business for the day were read.

All officers and managers were present but Miss Gibson, Recording Secretary, and Miss Baker, Manager from the Eastern Section. Twenty-one Societies were represented by their Corresponding Secretaries, eight sent alternates, and six were not represented. The board was enrolled as follows :

Officers.

Mrs. Juliana Hayes,	Mrs. M. D. Wightman,
Mrs. D. H. McGavock,	Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Jr.

Managers.

Mrs. L. H. McHenry,	Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyngnam,
Mrs. I. G. John,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix,
	Mrs. E. C. Dowdell.

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Mrs. R. H. Baker (reserve),	Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. M. Higginbotham (reserve),
Mrs. F. E. Bond,	Mrs. J. B. Stone,
Mrs. F. E. Heartsill,	Mrs. E. J. Robinson,
Mrs. W. R. Carriger (reserve),	Mrs. S. S. Munger (reserve),
Mrs. S. C. Truheart,	Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Miss C. S. Patton,	Mrs. J. B. Cobb,
Mrs. J. R. Harvey,	Mrs. Nathan Scarritt,
Mrs. E. J. Fullilove (reserve),	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. J. C. Barclay,	Mrs. Laura Plummer,
Mrs. Samuel Watson (reserve),	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Miss Annie E. Linfield,	Mrs. C. H. Hall,
Mrs. F. H. Montague,	Miss Lida G. Moore,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,	Mrs. H. T. Steele,
	Mrs. Annie Neeley.

The report of preliminary meeting of officers and managers held

May 1 was submitted and approved. The standing committees appointed were as follows:

Committee on Missionary Candidates.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Mrs. J. R. Cobb,	Mrs. L. H. McHenry,
Mrs. C. H. Hall,	Mrs. S. Watson,
Mrs. N. Scarritt,	Mrs. F. H. Montague,
Mrs. E. J. Robinson,	Mrs. E. J. Fullilove.

Committee on Extension of Work.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, Chairman.

Mrs. M. D. Wightman,	Mrs. R. H. Baker,
Mrs. Adam Hendrix,	Miss Lida Moore,
Mrs. J. W. Humbert,	Mrs. S. S. Park,
Mrs. J. B. Stone.	

Committee on Finance.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Chairman.

Mrs. F. E. Bond,	Mrs. Annie Neeley,
Mrs. I. G. John,	Miss Annie Linfield,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,	Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Mrs. S. S. Munger,	Mrs. V. V. Harlan.

Committee on Publication.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, Chairman.

Mrs. J. C. Barelay,	Mrs. F. E. Heartsill,
Mrs. M. Higginbotham,	Mrs. H. T. Steele,
Mrs. W. R. Carriger,	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. Laura Plummer.	

A report of the informal meeting of Conference Secretaries being called for, the Secretary read an abstract of the discussions which engaged attention, together with an appeal to the Board for careful consideration and action concerning matters pertaining to juvenile work, to Bible studies, and to studies of mission-work, to more clearly-defined duties for District Secretaries, and to a training-school for missionary candidates.

The report of the Memorial Fund was called for and read by the Treasurer of the Board, in the absence of Miss Baker. Mrs. Bond delivered a message to the Board from Miss Baker, Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, who sent regrets that the state of her health made it impossible for her to be present at the meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Dowdell, it was unanimously agreed to send a

telegram of sympathy and greeting to Miss Baker from the Board, and the Chair requested Mrs. Dowdell to word the telegram and to forward it at once.

A telegram was also sent to Miss Gibson, Recording Secretary, expressing regret for her absence.

On motion of Mrs. Cobb, Miss Mary Helm, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, was invited to a seat with the Board and given a voice in its proceedings.

At this point the business was suspended, that Mrs. Bishop Wilson, Miss Anna Muse, and Miss Nannie Holding might be introduced to the Board. The President spoke with feeling concerning the great work accomplished by Miss Muse since she went to China as a missionary of the Board in 1882. Very touchingly Miss Muse returned the greetings and told of her pleasure in hearing again hymns and prayers in English. When Mrs. Wilson was introduced she said: "I can well understand the feelings of Miss Muse. Since I have been to China and have seen how our missionaries are surrounded by Chinese—how they speak the language and sing it and pray in it, and no doubt often use it in their hours of private devotion—I do not wonder that the sweet songs and earnest prayers Miss Muse has heard in her native tongue touch her heart and bring tears to her eyes."

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, who had been detained, took her place at this juncture, and the Board, to attest its appreciation of her presence, rose in greeting.

Business was resumed, and Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyingham presented the report of the Local Board, which was accepted.

Report of Meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions.

From May, 1888, to May, 1889.

As will appear from this record, the principal business demanding action since the last annual meeting has been the examination of the testimonials of missionary candidates. The result is gratifying, though it does not fully satisfy either the demand of the work or the desires of the Board. A number of applicants were evidently under a misconception as to the requirements of missionary candidates, as well as of the methods of conducting the business of the Board. Of course nothing could be done in such cases further than to correct errors, and leave those applying to decide this important question on a proper basis.

In July Miss Mary McClellan, of Mississippi, presented to the Board papers that were satisfactory in every way except that she was under age. In view of her educational and spiritual qualifications as shown forth in letters sent to the Board, and also of the fact that having been early thrown upon her own

resources she had gained habits of self-reliance, the Board, considering China's great need, availed itself of the discretionary power allowed in unusual cases, and recommended her for appointment to that field. Being duly appointed, she sailed with Dr. Allen in August last, and is now preparing for future service by studying the language.

Having information to the effect that Miss Muse's health required a change of climate, the following resolution was passed at a meeting held in December:

Resolved, That Miss Anna J. Muse be permitted by the Board to return home for needed rest and recuperation of strength after seven years of faithful, trying service in China; and, if the work can be suitably arranged, it is preferred that she return early enough in the spring to attend the annual meeting which convenes in Little Rock, Ark., the first week in May."

Correspondence relative to and in explanation of Miss Marcia Marvin's return to her home without first consulting with and obtaining the consent of the Board was read. These letters showed that the circumstances were peculiar; and, while the Board insists on its missionaries conforming to accepted regulations in regard to their movements, it was moved and carried that, as Miss Marvin pays all the expenses of the trip, she be allowed to return to Brazil and continue her work in the school at Rio.

In January letters from Mrs. Park and Miss Holding were laid before the Board reporting an opportunity to secure valuable property in Saltillo. The lot was owned by a non-resident, and, being offered on very favorable terms, these ladies asked permission to make the purchase for the use of the resident missionaries and their school. Remaining in Saltillo necessitates permanent quarters for the workers in charge; therefore, after full discussion of the matter, and due consideration of what appeared to be the best interest of all concerned, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board advises that the property offered for sale in Saltillo be purchased for school purposes, *provided* said property is unincumbered and a perfect title can be secured to the Woman's Board of Missions."

The Board directed the use of \$1,000 of contingent fund toward first payment on said purchase, and that whatever more should be required be secured on the best possible terms by Mrs. Park and Miss Holding, to whom this business was intrusted as agents of the Woman's Board of Missions. Immediate purchase was advised, that the sum then used in payment of rent might be applied to paying interest on borrowed money. Miss Holding's letters reveal unabated faith and zeal. She devises "liberal things," and longs to go up and possess Mexico for the Lord.

At the meeting held February 15 a communication from the Woman's Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church was read inviting this Board to send a delegate to their annual meeting to be held in Fort Wayne, Ill. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return thanks and greetings from this Board, with regrets that, under existing circumstances, it could not be represented at the meeting.

On this day, the death of Bishop McTyeire being announced, the following resolution was unanimously adopted as giving a feeble expression of the sense of sorrow and bereavement that filled every heart:

Resolved, That the members of this Board bear with extreme sorrow of the

death of our beloved senior bishop, H. N. McTyeire, and hereby tender the sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends. As a Board we realize that to us the loss is irreparable. No one has ever taken a deeper or more intelligent interest in our work than he. He *believed* in 'woman's work for woman,' and improved every opportunity, public and private, to further its interests. Approachable, sympathetic, and helpful, taking kindly interest in every detail of the work, he was ever ready to aid us by wise, judicious counsel. Where shall we find one upon whom we can so surely rely in times of perplexity and trial? May God, who gave *him* to us, raise up a worthy successor!

"MRS. L. H. MCHENRY, *President pro tem*;

"MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Corresponding Secretary*;

"MISS MARY HELM, *Assistant Secretary*;

"MRS. LAURA PLUMMER;

"MRS. I. G. JOHN;

"MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, *Recording Secretary pro tem*."

At the meeting in March it was learned that the affairs of the Board in Brazil called for immediate action. The situation is explained by the following communication, which was received by Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary, on March 27:

"I write to quote a part of a communication received at this office from Brother J. W. Tarboux, of Brazil, dated 15th of February, 1889.

"Now a word with regard to the Woman's Board of Missions' business out here. The second payment on Rio College property must be paid on 2d of May. We have held on to the \$10,000 in drafts, hoping that exchange would fall. It has steadily risen. To-day, if I had to make the payment, \$14,666.66 would be necessary. By the terms of the purchase, if the second payment is not made we lose the first entirely. We hope that exchange may fall before we have to make the payment, but the Board ought to send more drafts to the field to provide against an emergency. Please bring this to the attention of Mrs. McGavock, and tell the Board to act promptly.' Yours truly,

"*Correct copy.*

J. D. BARBEE, *Treasurer,*

Per T. B. Holt."

The last steamer that could take a draft to Brazil in time to insure the payment of the debt on May 2 left New York on the same day the above was received. By using the utmost dispatch a letter sent via Newport News, Va., would overtake the steamer. Under the stress of circumstances, the Woman's Board of Missions, in a called session March 29, took the responsibility of acting in the matter, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas intelligence has been received from Brazil that an additional draft of \$4,666.66 is necessary to meet the second payment on the Rio school property caused by the large discount on former draft of \$10,000; and whereas the failure to make said payment on May 2 will occasion the loss of the first payment of \$10,000; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Board directs the immediate transmission to Brazil of a draft sufficient to meet the depreciation of the former draft."*

*Owing to a fall in exchange before the payment was made only \$1,200 of the above amount was needed to supply the deficit.--*Recording Secretary.*

Before giving the names of the candidates for missionary work it may interest the ladies to know that among the applicants was a young gentleman who expressed his willingness to go to Brazil as a music-teacher, under the auspices of this Board! It is proper to make mention of certain things in connection with some of the ladies whose names are here given. While all other papers presented by Miss Lovelace, of Georgia, met the requirements of the manual, her health certificate was not altogether satisfactory. It was therefore

Resolved, That if she is willing to go to Laredo and work for a year in the seminary with Miss Holding, in which time the health question can be duly tested, and if the result justify the Board in so doing, she will be recommended for appointment to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions in 1890—a salary being paid as long as she is able to do satisfactory work. The Board also agrees to pay her expenses to Laredo in case she is not able to pay them herself."

The health certificate of Miss Bradbury, of Virginia, while not all that could be desired, was not sufficiently decided to become a barrier to her acceptance, and being under treatment that promised entire relief, it was moved and carried that if the cure was effected before the annual meeting she be recommended for appointment.

The papers of Mrs. A. E. McClendon, of Georgia, were considered most excellent, but in view of the fact that she is over age and has five children, the Local Board felt incompetent to act on so extraordinary an application, and therefore decided to refer the case to this body in annual session, with the suggestion that consultation with Miss Holding may reveal an opportunity for establishing a Christian home on the Mexican Border which may prove helpful in illustrating the "gospel we profess." Mrs. McClendon prefers that field or the Indian Territory, because of her large family.

Miss Wilson, of Kentucky, brings fine testimonials as to personal character, spiritual qualifications, and success as a Christian worker. Her education not measuring up to the required standard, she cannot be recommended as a teacher, but being able to render valuable and needed service on other lines, the Board recommends her appointment as "Missionary Helper," to go to Laredo Seminary.

The papers of some candidates were good as far as received, but being incomplete, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to continue the correspondence and to try to have these in readiness for the Board in May.

Mrs. Brelsford, of Kentucky, is studying the kindergarten system expecting to go to Brazil next year, with the understanding, however, that if her services are required before that time she will be subject to the call of the Board.

Other candidates sent papers after the Board had held its last meeting, and therefore they have not been examined. They will be handed to the proper committee.

Of those named below only four have been before the Board. It is presumed that the others will attend this meeting. The four are: Miss McClellan, Mrs. Brelsford, Miss Chrisman, and Miss Yarrell. These also appeared before the "Educational Committee," and their examinations were eminently satisfactory.

NAMES OF CANDIDATES.

For China.

Miss Mary McClellan, of Mississippi.
Miss Hellen Richardson, of Missouri.

Miss Ella Yarrell, of Virginia.

Miss A. Clara Chrisman, of Mississippi.

For Brazil.

Miss Lida Howell, of Georgia.
Mrs. Emma Brelsford, of Kentucky.

For Mexican Border.

Miss Ellie B. Tydings, of Florida.

Mrs. A. E. McClendon, of Georgia.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, of Kentucky.

The Board has recently learned that Miss Dona Hamilton's condition of health unfits her for work, and demands rest and change. A motion approving her return to her native land for this purpose was made and carried at the March meeting. Resolutions of sympathy for our beloved young women in Brazil who have fallen victims of yellow fever were adopted, and fervent prayer was offered for their restoration. Misses Bruce, Jones, Granbery, and Marvin, and also several children in the school, were among the sufferers.

Respectfully submitted.

• Mrs. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

The hours for daily sessions were arranged as follows: Hour for morning session, 8:30 A.M.; hour for adjournment, 12 M. Evening session, 8 P.M.

Mrs. Harvey, in the name of the ladies of Eighth Street Church, invited the Board to their prayer-meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Board accepted with pleasure.

Mrs. Dowdell presented papers from missionary candidates. Referred to Committee on Missionary Candidates.

The following was put to vote and carried:

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed by the Chair to arrange for the daily devotional exercises of the sessions of the Board.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

The Chair appointed said committee as follows: Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Miss Lida Moore, Miss Annie Linfield.

The report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets was read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

From September, 1888, to September, 1889.

Twenty-four leaflets—twelve adult and twelve juvenile—and the same number of programmes for monthly meetings have been published and sent forth, with prayer that by God's blessing they may be the means of leading many to the "tree of life" whose "leaves are for the healing of the nations."

In addition to these a programme for the Week of Prayer was prepared by order of the Board.

The number of programmes for monthly meetings being found insufficient, it has been increased from quarter to quarter until now 9,000 are issued—6,000 adult, 3,000 juvenile.

With few exceptions the Conference Societies have called for larger numbers of leaflets and programmes during the year. This we hail as an indication of growing interest in the work.

STATEMENT.

Total amount of leaflets issued during the year.....	357,000
Total number of programmes, including that for Week of Prayer.....	166,400
Total number of pages, including leaflets and programmes..	1,522,400

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount expended for printing.....	\$434 45
Amount appropriated by board.....	425 00
In excess of appropriation.....	\$ 9 45

ADDENDUM.

Receipts from sale of leaflets.....	\$ 8 07
Balance since last year.....	3 41
Total.....	\$ 11 48
Amount expended for mailing to individuals.....	9 18
Balance.....	\$ 2 30

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,
Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Park, and carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due the Editor of Leaflets, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyngham, for her indefatigable labors in the work devolving on her, and special thanks are given her for the leaflet on Communion.

MRS. S. S. PARK,
MRS. J. W. HUMBERT.

Mrs. Hall advocated reprinting some of the leaflets that have done so much good and that have given such satisfaction to the Society.

Mrs. Cobb moved that such leaflets be published in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. This motion prevailed.

Mrs. Cunyngham thanked the members of the Board for their kind expressions of appreciation.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Trueheart, was unanimously carried by a rising vote:

Resolved, That as a slight token of the high esteem in which we, the members of the Woman's Board of Missions, hold the memory of our sainted and

beloved Bishop H. N. McTyeire, a floral offering be sent to Nashville in time for the memorial services to be held Sunday, May 5. We honor the memory of Bishop McTyeire, and deeply sympathize with his family in their severe bereavement.

The matter of selecting and forwarding this tribute of regard was referred to a committee of three—Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, and Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.

Mrs. Hayes spoke of the loss sustained by the Church in Little Rock and elsewhere in the death of Dr. Winfield, whose devotion to Christ and his cause was so marked.

Mrs. F. A. Butler presented her annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Editor and Agent of Woman's Missionary Advocate.

Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent, in account with Woman's Board of Missions:

Dr.	
To balance on hand May 1, 1888.....	\$2,131 22
To amount received for interest.....	59 93
To amount received from subscriptions from May 1, 1888, to April 15, 1889.....	4,130 83— \$6,321 98
Cr.	
By amount paid out per vouchers.....	3,436 20
Balance on hand April 15, 1889.....	<u>\$2,885 78</u>

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent*.

The report of the Auditor was also read.

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

I have examined the books of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent, and find them correct, with vouchers on file for all disbursements made.

Respectfully,

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor*.

Mrs. Butler read a detailed account of the heavy duties of the Agent, showing the constant work necessary in managing the business connected with the paper. On motion this paper was also referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Butler also explained many difficulties concerning the delivery of the paper and the cause of delay.

Miss Muse showed some books on China, which she recommended as interesting and helpful in securing information of Chinese matters. Persons desiring these books (which are also indorsed by Miss Haygood) may be supplied by sending orders to Miss Muse. Miss Muse presented to each member of the Board, not already supplied, a large photograph of its representatives in China, sent by the ladies of Trinity Home, Shanghai.

On motion, the thanks of the Board were extended to the givers by a rising vote.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, announcements as to committee meetings and evening services were made, and after the doxology was sung the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Fuller.

First Day, 8 P.M.

The eleventh anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Thursday evening, May 2, 1889.

PROGRAMME.

1. Voluntary.
2. Devotional exercises led by Rev. Dr. Miller.
3. Annual report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock.
4. Annual report of Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. McTyre, Jr.
5. Address by Miss Holding on "Work in Mexico."
6. Address by Mrs. Bishop Wilson on "China."
7. Annual collection.
8. Hymn: "When shall we meet again?"
9. Doxology and benediction.

The meeting was unusually interesting. The report of the Treasurer showed an increase of \$1,800 over receipts of last year. For thirty minutes Miss Holding held the vast audience as she showed the condition and need of Mexico, and many hearts seemed ready to answer to her appeal by pledging time and money to redeem that beautiful land.

Mrs. Wilson pleaded for the four hundred millions of China who "sit in the darkness and shadow of death," without even a desire to know of a Saviour, and, while she spoke, with new force came the conviction: "China must be saved!"

Twelve persons were made life-members, thus adding to the treasury a goodly sum.

Second Day.

The Woman's Board of Missions began the proceedings of the second day at 8:30 A.M., on Friday, May 3, the Vice-president in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Bennett, of Kentucky. The opening hymn,

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

was followed by prayer by Mrs. E. Avis, and Scripture lessons from Luke's Gospel read by Miss Bennett.

Thirty-eight members were present at roll-call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended, and approved. The President, who had been detained, now took the chair.

On motion of Mrs. Hendrix, action was taken which resulted in the following telegram:

The Woman's Board of Missions sends greetings to the bishops and Board of Missions in Conference assembled: "Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. vi. 23.) "Pray for us." (1 Thess. v. 25.) "Help those women." (Phil. iv. 3.)

Mrs. Harvey offered the following, which was carried:

Resolved, That we deeply regret Miss Bradford's absence, and extend our sympathies to her in the serious illness of her mother.

MRS. J. R. HARVEY,
MRS. E. AVIS,
MRS. F. E. BOND.

The regular business of the day was taken up, and reports of standing committees were called for. Mrs. McGavock, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Work, submitted a report on the work in China. (See appropriations.)

Pending action on this report, letters were read from Miss Haygood and Miss Lipscomb, and the report was adopted.

The following communication from Dr. Young J. Allen was read:

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

As this is perhaps the last opportunity I shall ever have of addressing a word to your Board as a Society in annual meeting, I should like very much to express my most grateful acknowledgments to your Board and Society for all their great kindness, their sympathy, and confidence, and assure them that I shall continue to cherish both for them and their work the sincerest sympathy and interest, and whenever possible shall ever be both ready and willing to be of any service in my power.

In this connection I might indulge with some degree of satisfaction and pleasure a review of the history of your work since it first devolved on me to superintend and direct it, but I forbear, saying only this, that I have done my best, honestly, earnestly, faithfully, and affectionately, and have to regret this only, that I could not do more. Your workers here—every one of them—have most heartily co-operated with me in laying plans and projections, and in carrying them out, and now that the time has come, in the estimation of the bishop (Wilson), to introduce a different administration, and set up your work here on a more independent basis, I most cheerfully acquiesce, and place my resignation in the hands of those who have so long favored me

with their appointments and confidence, sympathy and support, in carrying out the arduous and responsible duties that devolved upon me.

Respectfully submitted. YOUNG J. ALLEN, *Sup't Woman's Work in China.*

Mrs. J. B. Cobb offered the following resolution in regard to the resignation of Dr. Allen :

Whereas Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., LL.D., has, by the choice of the Woman's Board of Missions, been the Superintendent of our work in China since June, 1886; and whereas, during these three years, as for many years before, while Superintendent of the Southern Methodist Mission in that field, he has ordered our affairs with marked success and prudence, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board; and whereas Dr. Allen has thought best to tender his resignation as Superintendent, since Bishop Wilson thinks "the time has come to introduce a different administration, and set up our work there on a more independent basis:"

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, now in session in Little Rock, Ark., express to Dr. Young J. Allen our profound sense of obligation to him for the wisdom, patience, and godly zeal with which he has for many years superintended our work in China. By his perfect conception of what our work ought to embrace, both in its own distinct field and its relation to our adjustments with the work of the General Board of Missions; by his brilliant executive ability, and his untiring attention to perplexing details of the work; by the masterful skill which has enabled us to accomplish so much with the few workers we have been able to send to that field; and by the intelligent reports, never wanting in completion of detail or explicitness of statement, by means of which he has kept the home office fully advised—by all these Dr. Allen has merited from us a fullness of thanks which it is impossible for us to express in words, and for which no adequate return can be made by us, except through our prayers, which we most sincerely offer, that the Lord Christ shall vouchsafe to him the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace.

2. That while we appreciate the completeness of Dr. Allen's work of organization, rendering the office of Superintendent no longer necessary, yet we are filled with profound sorrow at the loss of his official connection with our board. We trust, though, that the ladies in that field, and our officers at home, may still have the benefit of his excellent judgment and wise counsel.

3. That we tender Dr. Allen our sincere wishes for his future happiness and usefulness, and assure him of our continued confidence and sympathy. His able administration of our affairs in China has met our heartiest approval, and called forth our highest admiration for him as a man and as a Christian.

MRS. J. B. COBB,
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,
MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK,
MRS. I. G. JOHN,
MRS. S. C. TRUENEART,
MISS LIDA MOORE.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Bishop Wilson addressed the Board, saying: "Dr. Allen mer-

its all the kind words spoken by the Board. He has done well; no one could have done better. The removal was advisable because of the heavy work upon him. The management of the Anglo-Chinese College was given him by the Parent Board, and that school, built at great expense, needs much care. He was also appointed pastor of the Anglo-Chinese Chapel, besides having other work of a literary nature on hand. He is still there to advise, and will no doubt willingly do so when necessary."

The President spoke with sincere regret of Dr. Allen's retirement as Superintendent, and cited instances of his valuable help in connection with the work of the Board, as well as his kind attentions to her personally.

A letter to the board from Bishop Wilson was then read as follows:

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

After consultation with Mrs. McGavock, Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, I ventured, in order to secure greater efficiency in the working of the forces in the field, and to avoid as far as possible mistakes and misunderstandings, to recommend the appointment of Miss Haygood for the Shanghai District, and Mrs. Campbell for the Suchow District, in the China Mission, as Agents, to communicate the purposes and orders of the Board, and to provide for the execution of its plans. Further, that Miss Haygood be instructed to proceed at once to execute the plans of the Board in relation to the Home and School at Shanghai projected by the Board, the moneys for which, as I understand, are now in hand, and available for immediate use.

Also, I may venture to suggest that, if practicable, the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions be held at the same time and place with those of the Parent Board. Conference and mutual understanding could then be had between the two Boards and the bishops, and some needless friction be avoided.

A. W. WILSON.

A pleasing episode diverted the attention for a time. The occasion being Mrs. Hayes's seventy-sixth birthday anniversary, several beautiful floral tributes were presented to her with best wishes from the donors for her continued health and happiness.

Mrs. Watson offered the following:

Resolved, That we, as a Board, offer thanks to our heavenly Father in grateful prayer and praise that the life of our beloved President has been lengthened and that she is permitted to meet with us on this, her seventy-sixth birthday.

MRS. S. WATSON,

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL.

The doxology was sung, and, by request, Mrs. Bumpass led in prayer. Mrs. Wightman paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Hayes and her efficiency as a worker.

The regular business being resumed, Miss Muse was requested to

speak of her special work in Shanghai. She presented Mrs. Hayes with a scroll bearing the inscription in Chinese characters: "Come over and help us." Mrs. Hayes accepted the gift as a reminder to renew her commission from Christ, and urged upon the members of the Board their duty to heed the injunction: "Come over and help China."

Miss Muse reiterated Miss Haygood's words that, because of the need of help, we are simply *holding* the work in Shanghai. "Sometimes," said she, "the thought has come to me that some of us will have to lie beside Miss Dora before help will be sent; but I will not believe this." She then showed the photograph of Miss Dora Rankin's grave, and, while tearful eyes looked upon the sacred spot from which has gone forth a potent influence for good to the Church and its members, uplifted hearts asked God to spare the other dear ones of our China Mission.

Miss Muse gave useful information and interesting illustrations of Chinese life, showing that the power of the gospel fully changes the heart and life of a heathen.

At the close of her address the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board is most happy to meet and greet Miss Anna Muse, and feels thankful that she has been spared through the long years of trial in China. The Board assures her of the continued love of its members, and prays that she may have a restful, pleasant stay in the home land.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,
MRS. J. B. COBB.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That Miss Anna Muse shall remain in the United States until in the judgment of the Board it is considered best for her to return to China. It is recommended that Miss Muse seek *perfect rest*, that her overtaxed body may become strong and well.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK,
MRS. J. C. BARCLAY.

Resolutions with regard to other workers in China were also adopted as follows:

Resolved, That, by consent of the bishop in charge, Miss Jennie Atkinson is transferred from Shanghai to Soochow.

Resolved, That unless Miss Dona Hamilton shall become permanently better, or that there shall be promise of her being able to do her appointed work, it is advisable for her to return home.

Resolved, That we are in fullest sympathy with Dr. Young J. Allen's work in the Anglo-Chinese College, and desire to give him all the help possible; but in justice to the interests of this Board we deem it necessary that our ladies teaching in the college shall devote half the day to the study of the

Chinese language. All work done by them in that school must be arranged for such study.

Resolved, That the Board gladly embraces this opportunity in full session to express its gratitude to God for the restored health of Miss Laura Haygood. We pray that the same divine power may continue her health and may grant her every needed blessing. We commend her most heartily for her satisfactory labors in Shanghai, and in placing upon her greater responsibility at the suggestion of the bishop in charge we do so with full confidence in her ability, sound judgment, and deep piety. We ask for her the co-operation and sympathy of her assistants and associates in China. May God abundantly bless her and them!

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

Mrs. Bishop Wilson gave a graphic account of her recent tour in China, and of her visit to the work and workers of the Woman's Board of Missions. She showed many curiosities from that country, and emphasized the assertion that China was well worth the redemption purchased for its teeming millions, and that teachers and preachers should be sent there.

Mrs. Wightman offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board congratulates itself upon the happy providence which secured it a messenger so ably qualified to observe, to consider, to sympathize with, and to report upon its work in China as Mrs. Wilson. The Board is fully assured that she represented it wisely and well while in the field, and is equally certain that no more enthusiastic advocate than she could come from China to move the heart of the Church in answering sympathy for that work.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK,

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART.

An invitation to visit the Arkansas School for the Blind was sent to the Board by Dr. J. H. Dye, Superintendent. It was accepted with thanks. Dr. Dye, being present, was introduced to the Board. Rev. Dr. Miller and Rev. T. F. Brewer, of Harrell Institute, were also introduced.

A preamble and accompanying resolution were presented by Mrs. Barclay as follows:

Whereas it is frequently necessary to adjust important matters of business between the Woman's Board of Missions and the Parent Board, which can be properly done only at the annual meetings of said boards; and whereas it is both desirable and necessary to have explanations and counsel from the bishops in charge of the several mission-fields to legislate satisfactorily on the affairs of those fields; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board shall hereafter hold its annual meeting in Nashville at the same time of the annual meetings of the bishops and Board of Missions.

MRS. J. C. BARCLAY,

MRS. S. S. PARK,

MRS. J. B. COBB.

The adoption of the resolution was urged upon the grounds set forth therein, while a cordial assurance from seven Auxiliaries in Nashville that the Board would always receive a warm welcome should it locate there, as well as the expressed views of Bishops Wilson and Duncan as to the necessity for some such plan, seemed to favor its adoption.

Mrs. Avis presented an invitation from St. Louis, and advanced arguments to show that the Board ought to hold its next annual meeting in that city.

In view of the lateness of the hour, and the necessity for further discussion of the subject, Mrs. Montague moved a postponement of the question. Carried.

After the usual announcements the doxology was sung, and the Society adjourned after the benediction by Rev. J. W. Foyer.

Third Day.

The Woman's Board of Missions convened for business at 8:30 on Saturday morning, May 4. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Nathan Scarritt. The Scripture lesson, selections from Isaiah, seemed to answer the need of every heart.

At nine o'clock, the President in the chair, the roll was called, and minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

In answer to a call for reports from standing committees, the Committee on Extension of Work presented its report on the Mexican Border Missions, with accompanying resolution. The report was accepted. (See appropriations.) The resolution was also adopted as follows:

While our hearts turn with yearning toward the pressing invitation to occupy every city in the Mexican Border Mission already entered by the Parent Board, the same difficulties meet us—want of funds and forces. At Nogales, Rev. J. F. Corbin urgently offers a school. At El Paso, Rev. A. J. Potter thinks we could have a glorious opportunity to extend our boundaries. At Chihuahua, Rev. S. G. Kilgore makes an offer that deserves the careful consideration of the Board. In view of the difficulties mentioned the committee cannot recommend entertaining the above-named propositions.

At Durango the hand that would have written is nerveless, the heart pulseless—he sleeps in Durango until the resurrection morn. But whereas the voice of Rev. Robert MacDonell has come to us commending to our care the work he planned and hoped to develop,

Resolved, That we accept the trust, and by God's help will do the best we can for it.

Miss Holding spoke on several points in the report, urging the

claims of Mexico with an eloquence born of love for the souls of the people that dwell there.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we rejoice to have with us Miss Nannie E. Holding. May the blessings of the Highest rest upon her and on Mexico forever!

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,
MRS. S. S. PARK,
MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

Mrs. McGavock read letters from Bishop Duncan and Mrs. Williams (mother of the young widow of Robert MacDonell) concerning the Durango work, with touching mention of the missionary who recently gave his life for Mexico.

Mrs. Brandon offered resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of that heroic and consecrated missionary, Robert W. MacDonell; that while we painfully feel this afflictive stroke, we do not question the wisdom or love of God who hath taken him to himself in the strength of manhood.

Resolved, That in his death the cause of Missions has lost an earnest, faithful, and successful laborer, and our own woman's work a noble, constant, and fearless champion.

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt sympathies to the fair young wife of our beloved brother, commending her and her helpless little ones to the gracious, loving care of our heavenly Father.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON,
MRS. E. C. DOWDELL,
MRS. J. B. COBB.

A responsive telegram was received from the Parent Board through Dr. I. G. John, Secretary of the Board.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." (1 Thess. i. 2, 3.)

Mrs. Avis offered a resolution as follows:

Whereas Miss Lochie Rankin, in a letter to the "Busy Bees," of St. John's Church, St. Louis, who proposed to send her money to furnish a room for her comfort, manifests such a self-sacrificing interest in her work that she will not consent to use the money for personal convenience while there is such need of money to enlarge the work; therefore,

Resolved, That while we know that the reward of such disinterestedness is sure, yet as a Board, feeling the great value of her services, we advise her to allow herself to be made comfortable by those who love her.

MRS. E. AVIS,
MRS. ADAM HENDRIX.

Mrs. Wilson made a brief but forcible address on the claims of

China based on the thought: "Convert China, and you convert the world."

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was read by Mrs. Cunyngnam, Chairman. Adopted. (See report, on page 93.)

The following telegram was received from Miss M. Baker:

"For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ." (Col. ii. 5.)

A motion for an afternoon session was carried, and the time fixed from four to five o'clock. Announcements of committee meetings and Sunday services were made.

Dr. Dye kindly placed carriages at the disposal of the Board for a drive around the city at five o'clock, and a call at the Arkansas School for the Blind in returning.

The doxology was sung, benediction pronounced, and the morning session closed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board met at the appointed time and place. The devotional hour was led by Mrs. S. S. Park. After roll-call the Board proceeded to business, the reading of minutes being postponed to Monday by request of the Recording Secretary.

The Committee on Publication reported through its chairman, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell. (See report, on page 94.)

The report was considered by items, and, after some amendments, was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Cobb, the question of fixing the place for holding the next annual meeting was made the order of the day for Monday at eleven o'clock.

Miss Helm showed the design for life-membership certificates. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The new heading designed for the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was also shown to the Board and accepted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Dr. Dye.

Fourth Day.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Woman's Board of Missions met on Monday, May 6, at half-past eight o'clock. The devotional service was led by Miss Holding.

At nine o'clock the business was called for. After roll-call the minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

A telegram returning thanks for the greeting of the Board and referring to Philippians i. 2-5 and Colossians ii. 5 was received from the absent Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Park offered the following :

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Missions take under its charge the school offered to it by Rev. S. G. Kilgore, at Chihuahua, Mexico.

MRS. S. S. PARK.

MRS. S. S. MUNGER.

After much discussion by Mrs. McGavock, Mrs. Park, and others, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. Humbert offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Missions, in view of the failure of health of Miss Blanche Gilbert, grant her leave of absence from the Mexican Border work for one year on half salary, and that she return to her home by June 1, 1889.

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

Mrs. Montague offered the following :

Resolved, That we sympathize with Miss Gilbert in her affliction of body which necessitates a rest from her work in Saltillo, which she has prosecuted so nobly under difficult and trying surroundings, and pray that the Great Physician may soon restore her to health and service.

MRS. F. H. MONTAGUE,

MRS. S. S. PARK.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Mrs. F. E. Bond, in the absence of the chairman. (See report, on page 95.) Adopted.

The Committee on Extension of Work brought in a report on Brazil (see appropriations), which, after some explanation and reading of letters from Bishop Granbery, Miss Bruce, and Mlle. Renotte, was adopted. At request of the President Mrs. Wightman offered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the recovery of the missionaries of the Board in Rio who had had yellow fever. A motion was made to make an appropriation for the medical fees and medicine of the missionaries in Rio during their illness. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. McGavock read a letter showing the necessity of a margin in sending funds to Rio, owing to the singular exactions of the Government. Miss Helm suggested that some plan be decided upon by which money could reach Brazil at par.

The following resolution offered by Mrs. Park was carried :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Missions be requested to send

the funds of the Woman's Board to its different fields of work in such exchange as will insure said Board against loss.*

Mrs. S. S. PARK,

Mrs. J. W. HUMBERT.

Mrs. Hall, Miss Linfield, and Mrs. Cobb pledged their respective Conference Societies to furnish the outfit of the missionaries recently accepted.

Mrs. Humbert told the Board of the illness of Miss S. Brown, medical missionary, whose health is so seriously impaired that she has been obliged to desist from all her studies. Prayer was offered by Miss Helm for the complete restoration of Miss Brown's health.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock presented the report of the Committee on Extension of Work on the Indian Mission. The report was adopted. (See appropriations.) In connection with the report a statement giving reasons for the withdrawal of the support of a teacher at Pawhuska was presented. Mr. Methvin's application for a helper at Anadarko, which led to the transfer of the appropriation to that place, was also read.

A letter was read from Miss A. V. Wilson showing the gratifying progress of Harrell Institute. Mrs. McGavock spoke of the labors of Miss Wilson despite her illness during the greater part of the year.

Mrs. Barclay offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we regret that circumstances prevent Rev. T. F. Brewer appearing before the Woman's Board of Missions to speak of the Indian Mission work.

Resolved, That we tender sincere thanks to him and to his estimable wife for the devotion they have manifested in building up Harrell Institute for the Woman's Board of Missions.

Mrs. J. C. BARCLAY,

Mrs. L. H. McHENRY.

Mrs. Harvey stated to the Board that Mrs. Williams had just sent in an application as a missionary candidate, and expressed her gratitude for this answer to the prayers of the Little Rock Conference Society. On motion of Mrs. McHenry the doxology was sung and the case referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

The order of the day was called. The resolution as to permanently locating the annual meetings of the board at Nashville, which had been postponed on Saturday, was taken up and reread.

Mrs. Wightman took the chair and Mrs. Hayes addressed the

* Since the above action information was had that the deficit in the draft for the purchase in Rio was due to the fact that in making the estimate for the contract the missionaries had counted on a higher premium than foreign money commanded at the time of payment.—*Recording Secretary.*

Board upon the subject under discussion opposing the proposed location of the annual meetings. Miss Helm spoke, favoring the measure. After some discussion Mrs. Scarritt moved that action be deferred to another year. Mrs. Scarritt's motion prevailed.

Mrs. Avis invited the Board to hold its next annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Other cities were placed in nomination as follows: Shreveport, La.; Norfolk, Va.; Macon, Ga.; Laredo, Tex.; and Little Rock, Ark. St. Louis was selected by a unanimous vote.

A communication through Mrs. McHenry from the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church resulted in the election of Mrs. I. G. John as a fraternal delegate to that body at its next meeting.

Mrs. Bishop Wilson, who had added so much of interest and profit to the meeting by her presence, came forward to say farewell, and quoted the last few verses of the sixth chapter of Numbers.

Mrs. Wightman made an earnest and effective appeal to the members of the Board to do more for the cause of Missions in their Conference Societies.

After announcements the doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Miller.

Fifth Day.

At 8.30 A.M. Tuesday, May 7, 1889, the Woman's Board of Missions convened for its closing business session. The half-hour of worship was led by Mrs. McClendon.

At nine o'clock the President took the chair and called for the roll and minutes. The latter were read and approved.

Mrs. McGavock read a series of resolutions from the Central Mexican Conference as follows:

1. The Conference appreciates most highly the visit of Mrs. Park and Miss Holding and the earnest purpose which they, as representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions, manifest to prosecute the work of education among the girls of Mexico.

2. The Conference sends by these representatives its fraternal greetings to the Woman's Board of Missions and also a vote of thanks for the work which the Board proposes to do in Mexico.

3. The Conference declares its faithfulness to the said Board, and promises its active co-operation in all the work undertaken by it.

T. DEL VALLE,
D. F. WATKINS,
F. F. AGUILAR,
B. G. REYES,
D. W. CARTER, AND OTHERS.

Following that communication letters were read from the pastor of the Southern Methodist Church in San Luis Potosi, also from the City of Mexico, urging the Woman's Board to enter Central Mexico again and to establish schools in those places as well as others. The condition of the treasury constrained the Board to decline these urgent requests.

The Committee on Extension of Work brought in a report on matters referred to it on the previous day, also resolutions concerning work in various fields, which were adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

Central Mexico.

1. *Resolved*, That the greetings and thanks of the Woman's Board of Missions are hereby extended to the Conference of Central Mexico for the cordial, brotherly invitation to enter that field.

2. That the imperative need of re-enforcements to sustain existing work is the only hinderance to accepting that work at this juncture.

3. That the sympathies of this Board are with the brethren of Central Mexico, and its members hope that, at the next annual meeting, the funds and forces will be sufficient to justify the Board in giving practical proof of its interest, by going over to help them.

Mexican Border.

4. That the tempting offer to open work at Chihuahua has been duly considered, but obligations to work already projected make it necessary for the Woman's Board of Missions to decline the proposition at present.

5. That Miss Holding has been faithful, diligent, and enterprising in the trust committed to her as Superintendent of woman's work in the Mexican Border Mission, and that she is hereby re-appointed to fill that position.

6. That Miss Holding visit Central Mexican Mission before the next annual meeting of this Board, and report the outlook to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions in time for all necessary correspondence and a thorough understanding of the subject.

Brazil.

7. That the Board has heard with mingled feelings of regret and rejoicing of the affliction of our faithful missionaries in Rio—regret, that every one was prostrated by the scourge, yellow fever, and rejoicing and gratitude to God for graciously preserving their lives amid the dead and dying of the unprecedented pestilence visiting the capital city.

8. That they have the fullest sympathies of the Board, and the prayers of its members for their speedy and complete restoration to health.

9. That this Board sends thanks to Mlle. Renotte for her offer to purchase maps, globes, etc., for the schools in Piracicaba and Rio, but cannot now spare the funds for such uses.

10. That Mlle. Renotte will be expected to keep her pledge in refunding to this Board the amount of her travel from the United States to Brazil. The

best wishes of the Board will go with her in the prosecution of medical study and practice.

Mrs. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Chairman.*

Mrs. Scarritt spoke of the desire of the South-west Missouri Conference Society to place Cuautla School under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions, as before expressed.

Mrs. Park offered a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That we sincerely regret our inability to take under our charge the school at Cuautla this year, and hope that our finances may enable us to do so at our next annual meeting.

Mrs. S. S. PARK,

Mrs. L. H. MCHENRY.

Mrs. Cunyngnam, as chairman of Committee on Missionary Candidates, presented Report No. 2. (See report, page 94.)

While discussing the last item of the report—viz., the Missionary Training-school—Miss Bennett, President of the Kentucky Conference Society, by request, addressed the Board on the subject, showing with force and clearness the necessity for such a school in connection with the work, and the advantages accruing therefrom. Miss Bennett also gave an account of the Chicago Training-school and its success.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Mrs. Cobb presented the following:

Resolved, That the Board has heard Miss Bennett's address with pleasure, and, recognizing the great importance of its subject, does hereby appoint her as agent of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to fully investigate the matter of a training-school for missionaries, and does empower her to represent its claims throughout the Church, to enlist the sympathy and aid of the workers, and to collect funds, reporting results to this Board.

Resolved, That she be also directed to present this matter to other Mission Boards and to ask their interest and patronage with the view that their missionaries may have the benefit of the advantages thus secured.

Resolved, That Miss Bennett be furnished by this Board with all necessary credentials to show that she is its duly-appointed agent.

Mrs. J. B. COBB,

Mrs. S. S. PARK,

Mrs. M. D. WIGHTMAN.

Miss Bennett accepted the trust on condition that the members of the Board unite in effort with her for the speedy establishment of this school.

In discussing ways and means of securing funds it was decided that, as this school is not included in the appropriations of the Board, it is not to be presented to Auxiliaries for action; that no funds of the Society—all of which are needed for projected work—can be

given to it; that the work must be done by individual effort; and that all members be urged not only to give liberally toward it, but to induce others to take an interest in and to give donations to this great undertaking.

Miss Bennett asked to whom she could apply for instructions in prosecuting the work given, and was referred to the Local Board.

In answer to a call for individual subscriptions, the following pledges were given: Mrs. Adam Hendrix, \$100; Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, \$100; Mrs. Juliana Hayes, \$100; Miss Mary Helm, \$25; Mrs. J. B. Cobb, \$50; Mrs. C. H. Hall, \$50.

On motion, business was suspended, and Mrs. Searritt offered fervent prayer that God would open the way at once for the establishment of this school so much needed.

Conference Secretaries asked for specific work, and the Corresponding Secretary explained the need of an enlarged fund for sending out the new missionaries. The following Conferences were pledged by their representatives for the amounts annexed to their names.

South Georgia.....	\$800	North-west Texas.....	\$ 100
Tennessee.....	800	Arkansas.....	50
Texas.....	250	West Texas.....	50
Little Rock.....	200	Baltimore.....	400
North Texas.....	100	Missouri.....	500
Mississippi.....	200	Kentucky.....	400
North Mississippi.....	500	Virginia.....	600
Holston.....	500	South-west Missouri...	300
East Texas.....	200	North Carolina.....	200
Louisiana.....	100	South Carolina.....	500
Memphis.....	150	Louisville.....	300
Western Virginia.....	300	North Georgia.....	1,000
North Alabama.....	200		

Mrs. Dowdell offered a resolution as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to memorialize the General Conference of 1890 to so amend Article IV. of the Constitution governing the Woman's Missionary Society as that the funds of the Society may be sent by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions direct to the foreign fields.

Mrs. Truheart presented the following, which was adopted without a dissenting voice:

Whereas Mrs. Bishop Wilson, in accordance with the unanimous request of the Board at its annual meeting in 1888, embodied in the form of a resolution spread upon the minutes, has visited all its mission stations in China, giving much time and close attention to each; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be given Mrs. Wilson by the Treasurer of the Board to defray expenses in connection with the visits paid.

Mrs. S. C. TRUEHEART,
Mrs. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

A letter from Los Angeles, inviting the Board to hold its next annual session in that city and suggesting the establishment of a fund to defray expenses of delegates, was read by Miss Helm.

Mrs. Barclay offered a resolution as follows, which was adopted :

Whereas we have heard the communication from the Los Angeles Conference relative to the expenses of delegates to the annual meetings of the Board : therefore,

Resolved, That while we sympathize with the disadvantages under which that Conference is laboring, yet the request embodied in that paper is impracticable.

Mrs. J. C. BARCLAY,
Mrs. V. V. HARLAN.

Mrs. Cobb offered the following, which was adopted :

Whereas it is often impossible to have the Educational Committee meet the missionary candidates in Nashville,

Resolved, That, in the absence of that committee the Local Board be authorized to secure the services of two lady educators of high standing in Nashville, to act in that capacity in connection with the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. J. B. COBB,
Mrs. S. C. TRUEHEART.

Miss Helm gave the substance of a correspondence with officers of the order of the "King's Daughters" in New York—viz. : Mrs. Cortlandt Fields, Chairman, and Miss Mabel Atwater, Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The Board heard with interest respecting the work of that rapidly-growing Society, now numbering sixty thousand members. The object of the committee named above is to interest many circles in working for Foreign Missions in harmony with various Mission Boards, to request missionaries in the field to start the order in their work abroad, and to have the "King's Daughters" here write cheering words to their sisters who have gone across the seas "In His Name."

The President announced that she had a donation of \$250 from a friend, which would be devoted to the purchase of a boat for the use of the missionaries of the Board in Nantziang—an announcement which was received with pleasure.

Mrs. Wightman beautifully and forcibly presented the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, saying : "Our life as an organization depends upon it ; we must increase its circulation or we shall die—die of heart-disease."

The standing committees were re-elected, as follows :

Publishing Committee.—Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunmyingham.

Committee for Examination of Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. D. H. McGavock.

Treasurer of Memorial Fund.—Miss M. Baker.

Miss Helm gave explanations in regard to life-membership certificates.

Mrs. Watson, Chairman of the Committee on Special Resolutions, presented the following, which were approved unanimously :

Whereas the Week of Prayer and Self-denial has proved a quickening power in the spiritual life and growth of our Auxiliaries, and whereas the collections have proved a valuable addition to our treasury,

Resolved, That we recommend its observance during the week in November including Thanksgiving-day ; also that a suitable programme and literature be furnished by the Editor of Leaflets, to be distributed in a manner similar to that pursued last year. We further recommend the continued observance of the evening twilight hour of prayer for God's blessing upon our missionaries and the workers at home.

Resolved, That the heart-felt and appreciative thanks of the Woman's Board of Missions be tendered the citizens of Little Rock—the beautiful "City of Roses"—for the cordial hospitality and thoughtful courtesy shown its members, who will pray that God's richest benediction may rest upon their hearts and on their lovely homes, crowning them with that "loving-kindness" which is "better than life."

Resolved, That the members of this Board tender sincere thanks to Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Hotchkiss, President of the Little Rock Conference Society, for their untiring attentions to the delegates during this annual meeting.

Resolved, That this Board thank Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*, for the patient faithfulness with which she has devoted herself to her arduous duties, and for the marked ability which she has displayed in recording the proceedings of this body.

MRS. SAMUEL WATSON,

MRS. NATHAN SCARRITT,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT.

Thanks were also tendered by the committee and the Board to God for preserving the life of the President of the Society ; to the pastors of the Churches in Little Rock for helpful words ; to Rev. Dr. Miller for preaching the anniversary sermon ; to the choir for beautiful music ; to the press and railroad authorities for courtesies ; to Dr. Dye for his kind attentions incident to the pleasant visit to the Arkansas School for the Blind, of which he is Superintendent ; and to the Juvenile Society of Winfield Memorial Church for the beautiful presentation of the Missionary Ship, at their evening entertainment.

Mention was made of the marriage of Miss Addie Gordon, a missionary of the Board, to Mr. Burke, of Soon-kong, China; and on motion, the greetings of the Board were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Burke, with good wishes for their happiness and usefulness.

Miss Muse thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity of attending a training-school during the summer months.

The missionaries under appointment—Mrs. A. E. McClendon, Miss Flora Baker, Miss Ellie B. Tydings, and Miss Lida Howell—were introduced to the Board and commended to the gracious care of Him whom they had pledged to serve. Mrs. McClendon and Miss Baker spoke briefly but well.

The business of the meeting being completed, the minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

The President invited the Board to exchange farewells at the chancel. A tender parting, that brought sweet words of comfort and the hope of reunion, followed.

The doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. Evans, and the eleventh annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions stood adjourned.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, *Rec. Sec. pro tem.*

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, *President.*

CORRECTION.—The piano presented to the school at Saltillo, Mexico (see page 40), was the gift of the Alabama Conference Society, to which the credit should be given.—*Secretary.*

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions the Committee on Missionary Candidates suggested "that a call be made upon our Christian women by the Corresponding Secretary, to be published in all our Church papers, in the belief that such a call would have response and that needed help in women and money would be forthcoming." The call was made. Thank God it entered the ear and sunk into the hearts of some of our women, who have answered: "Here am I; send me."

Of the forty-one applications made to the Board during the year, the following are recommended for appointment to the different fields.

1. Miss A. Clara Chrisman, presented by the Mississippi Conference Society, was accepted by the Local Board, and is under appointment to Piracicaba, Brazil.

2. Miss Ella Yarrell, presented by the Virginia Conference Society, was also accepted by the Local Board, and appointed to Rio, Brazil.

3. Mrs. Emma E. Brelsford, presented by the Louisville Conference Society, was accepted by the Local Board for Piracicaba, Brazil—with the recommendation that she spend a year in studying the kindergarten system, as preparation for duty in that field. Mrs. Brelsford is now pursuing a course of study in Louisville, Ky.

4. Miss Lizzie Wilson, presented by the Kentucky Conference Society, was accepted by the Local Board as a missionary helper in Laredo Seminary, Mexican Border Mission.

5. Miss Lida Howell, presented by the North Georgia Conference Society, and further indorsed by the Local Board, has met this committee, and is recommended for appointment as a missionary to Piracicaba, Brazil.

6. Miss Ellie Tydings, presented by the Florida Conference Society, and referred to this committee by the Local Board, is recommended for appointment as a missionary to Saltillo, Mexico.

7. Mrs. A. E. McClendon, presented by the North Georgia Conference Society, and referred to this committee by the Local Board, has been before the committee, and is recommended for the position of assistant teacher in Laredo Seminary, Mexican Border Mission.

8. Miss Flora Baker, also presented by the North Georgia Conference Society, and referred by the Local Board, has met this committee, and is recommended as an assistant in Laredo Seminary.

9. Miss Hellen Richardson, presented by the St. Louis Conference Society, and referred by the Local Board, has been before the committee, and is recommended for appointment as a missionary to China.

10. The testimonials of Miss Lula Ross, presented by the Alabama Conference Society, have been carefully considered, and are of such a character that the committee unhesitatingly recommends that she appear before the Board in Nashville to complete the required examination and to make preparation to answer the loud call for help that comes from China.*

11. The testimonials of Miss Martha Pyles presented by the South-west Missouri Conference Society have been examined. As it is her wish to take the course of training for a medical missionary, the committee recommends that her case be referred to the Board in Nashville for further correspondence and for the perfecting of such arrangements as will best serve the interests of the work.

12. This committee recommends that Miss Muse be allowed to follow out her desire to attend a training-school for missionaries while in the United States, provided it does not prove too great a tax on her strength.

13. Miss Bennett, of Kentucky, came before the committee and spoke strong, stirring words in favor of establishing a training-school for our young women who propose to engage in missionary work, home and foreign. Recognizing the desirability of such a school, this committee asks the Board to take it into consideration and to endeavor, as soon as possible, to establish such an institution.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

1. After duly considering the report of the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, referred to this committee by the Board, we recommend that it be approved.

2. Recognizing the value of the faithful work done by Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, we recommend her re-election as Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

3. We recommend the publication of the monthly programmes for Adult and Juvenile Societies in leaflet form, and also in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, one month in advance of intended use.

4. We recommend that twelve varieties of leaflets for both Adult and Juvenile Societies be published and issued as heretofore, the number of each variety to be increased in proportion to the demand for the same.

5. We recommend the publication for distribution of seven thousand copies of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society, including the minutes of the eleventh annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions.

6. We recommend that thirty thousand copies of summarized reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board be published for distribution.

7. We recommend that as many constitutions, blanks, and slips be printed as may be thought necessary by the Publishing Committee.

8. We recommend the issuing of twelve thousand mite-boxes.

9. We recommend that Mrs. F. A. Butler be re-elected Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

*The Local Board, to which the case of Miss Ross was referred, felt justified in transferring her to Rio, Brazil, in view of the weakened condition of the force through yellow fever, and the probability that a return to the United States for recuperation may be necessary in the case of one or more workers in that field.—*Secretary.*

10. We further recommend that an assistant be employed by the Agent, subject to approval by the Local Board, and that an appropriation be made for the same from the funds of the paper.

11. We recommend that a full statement of the financial condition of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* appear monthly on its pages.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—LOCAL EXPENSES.

1. *Resolved*, That \$250 be appropriated for expenses of the President of the Woman's Board of Missions, to be used for the benefit of the work.

2. That \$750 be appropriated for office expenses of the Corresponding Secretary and her assistant.

3. That \$50 be appropriated for office expenses of the Treasurer.

4. That \$700, and \$100 contingent, be allowed for publications ordered by the Woman's Board of Missions, the expense of mailing to be paid by the Treasurer of the Board.

5. That \$450, and \$50 contingent, be appropriated for publishing leaflets and mailing same.

6. That \$100 be appropriated for life-membership certificates—fifty cents per copy to be charged to cover expense of printing and postage.

7. That \$130 be appropriated for mite-boxes.

8. That a salary of \$100 per month be allowed the Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*—said salary to be paid from the receipts of the paper.

9. That \$500 be appropriated for the Assistant granted to the Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*—the same to be paid from the receipts of the paper.

MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, JR., *Chairman*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889-90.

CHINA.

Shanghai.

Salary of Miss Haygood.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Hamilton	750	
Salary of Miss Atkinson.....	750	
Salary of Miss Hughes	750	
Salary of Miss Lipscomb	750	
Salary of Miss McClellan.....	750	
Half-salary and home-trip of Miss Muse.....	1,175	
Clopton Boarding-school.....	640	
Day-schools.....	800	
Repairs on Trinity Home.....	500	
Extension of work.....	500—	\$ 8,115 00

Nantziang.

Salary of Miss Roberts	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Reagan.....	750	
Pleasant College.....	640	
Day-schools	300	
Incidentals.....	100—	2,540 00

Kahding.

Salary of Miss Rankin.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Kerr.....	750	
Rent	250	
Day-schools	200	
Anglo-Chinese School.....	140	
Incidentals and itineration.....	150—	2,240 00

Suchow.

Salary of Miss Lou Philips.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Dr. Mildred Philips.....	750	
Salary of Mrs. Campbell.....	750	
Boarding-school.....	750	
Day-schools.....	450	
Incidentals.....	100	
Hospitals.....	525	
Chinese assistant in hospital.....	150	
Repairs	20—	4,245 00

Additional for Mission.

Printing.....	\$ 500	
Itinerating and office expenses of Agents of Woman's Board of Missions.....	150	
Medical course of two candidates.....	1,000	
Sending out four missionaries.....	5,400—	7,050 00

Total to China..... \$ 24,190 00

MEXICAN BORDER.

Laredo.

Salary of Miss Holding.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Toland.....	750	
Salary of Miss Delia Holding.....	600	
Salary of Matron.....	300	
Expenses of Laredo Seminary.....	3,350	
Repairs	150	
Itineration of Superintendent.....	250	
Literature for distribution.....	50	
Medical attendance	100	
Two cisterns.....	500	
Horse-power for wind-mill.....	100	
Sending out three assistants.....	2,025—	\$ 8,925 00

Saltillo.

Salary of Miss Roberts.....	\$ 750	
Half-salary and home-trip of Miss Gilbert.....	450	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
To purchase property.....	5,000	
Deeds, fees, etc.....	100	
Literature for distribution.....	50	
Rent of boarding-school (contingent).....	360	
Incidentals for day-school.....	100	
Sending out a missionary.....	1,000	\$ 7,960 00

Durango.

Expenses of school.....	\$ 800	800 00
Total to Mexican Border.....		\$17,685 00

BRAZIL.

Piracicaba.

Salary of Miss Watts.....	\$ 750	
Sending out two missionaries.....	2,500	
Kindergarten teacher (contingent).....	875	
Day-school (contingent).....	500	
Repairs and incidentals.....	400	
Contingent.....	200	\$ 5,225 00

Rio de Janeiro.

Salary of Miss Bruce.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Jones.....	750	
Salary of Miss Granbery.....	750	
Salary of Miss Marvin.....	360	
Rent for boys' school.....	500	
Repairs.....	600	
Incidentals.....	300	
Piano (provided for).....	350	
Sending out two missionaries.....	2,500	
Medical attendance and health-trips.....	750	7,550 00

Total for Brazil..... \$12,775 00

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muscogee.

Salary of Miss Wilson.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Matron.....	300	
Expenses of Harrell Institute.....	1,000	
Health-trip of Miss Wilson.....	150	\$ 2,200 00

Anadarka.

Salary of teacher.....	\$ 500	500 00
Total to Indian Territory.....		\$ 2,700 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1889-90.

China.....	\$24,190 00
Mexican Border.....	17,685 00
Brazil.....	12,775 00
Indian Territory.....	2,700 00
Office, contingent, and printing expenses.....	4,000 00
Grand total.....	\$61,350 00

VALUE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

China.....	\$ 57,200 00
Mexican Border.....	35,000 00
Brazil.....	45,800 00
Indian Territory.....	15,500 00
Total.....	\$153,500 00

Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES,	APPOINTED,	FORMER RESIDENCE,	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Miss Lochie Rankin.....	1878.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Dora Rankin.....	1879.....	Milan, Tenn.....	<i>Died December 10, 1886.</i>
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	1881.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Annie Williams.....	1881.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	<i>Married.</i>
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	1881.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Anna J. Muse.....	1882.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	1882.....	Ronoke, Va.....	Laredo, Tex.
Mrs. Sarah Buford.....	1882.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	<i>Resigned.</i>
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth.....		China.....	<i>Resigned.</i>
Miss Nora Lambuth.....		China.....	<i>Resigned.</i>
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....		China.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Mattie B. Jones.....	1883.....	Norcross, Ga.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	1883.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Jennie C. Wolfe.....	1883.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	<i>Resigned.</i>
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	1884.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Dona Hamilton.....	1884.....	Paris, Tex.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	1884.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.....	1884.....	California, Mo.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Lou F. Phillips.....	1884.....	California, Mo.....	Suchow, China.
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	1884.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	96 Rua eas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Emma E. Kerr.....	1887.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China.
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	1887.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Kate R. Roberts.....	1887.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.
Miss Addie F. Gordon.....	1887.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	Shanghai, China. <i>Married February, 1889.</i>
Miss Bettie Hughes.....	1887.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Shanghai, China.

Miss Lula H. Lipscomb.....	1887.....	Columbus, Miss.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Ada Reagan.....	1887.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Shanghai, China.
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	1887.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	1887.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	1888.....	Charlestown, W. Va.....	Harrell Institute, Muscogee, I. T.
Miss Ella Grambery.....	1888.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	.96 Rua cas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss A. Clara Chrisman.....	1889.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	<i>Died May 21, 1889.</i>
Miss Ella Yarrell.....	1889.....	Emporia, Va.....	.96 Rua cas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Lida Howell.....	1889.....	Duluth, Ga.....	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	1889.....	Newport, Ky.....	Laredo, Tex.
Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	1889.....	West Point, Ga.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	1889.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Saltillo, Mexico.
Miss Flora Baker.....	1889.....	West Point, Ga.....	Laredo, Tex.
Miss Lula Ross.....	1889.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	.96 Rua cas Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Miss Sallie M. Philips.....	1889.....	Homer, La.....	Piracicaba, Provincia de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and unite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in heathen lands, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions"—all these to be constituted as directed hereafter.

ART. IV. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Parent Board of Missions, and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made the funds shall be sent through the Treasurer of the Parent Board without delay, in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. V. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six Managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretary of the Board of Missions shall be an honorary member of the Woman's Board.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. VIII. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all drafts on the treasury. In her absence the Vice-president shall preside, and in the absence of both a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. IX. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, attend to all legal business, prepare the Annual Report, and publish quarterly a statement of the condition of the work. The Corresponding Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. X. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish annual and quarterly reports, to be published with those of the Corresponding Secretary. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XII. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XIII. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill said vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XIV. Three of the six Managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the eastern, the southern, and the western sections of the home field.

By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

6. If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

RULES OF ORDER.

(a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.

(b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.

(d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.

1. Roll-call.

2. Reading minutes of opening session.

3. Report of Local Board.

4. Announcement of standing committees.

5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committees.

6. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

For Regular Daily Sessions.

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. If the reserve-elect cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. The annual meetings of the Conference Societies shall be held as soon as practicable *after* (in no case prior to) the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice-president) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with the Auxiliaries, and supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 30th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the

same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting quarterly, wherever practicable. The District Secretary shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission-fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life-members, honorary life-members, and life-patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society, in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members.

The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers; when the report of the nominating committee is adopted the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read

and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission-fields, and to raise funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar a year, or ten cents a month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life-member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be the first regular meeting after that of the Conference Society. At this annual meeting the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and officers for the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot before the annual meeting.

ART. 5. This Constitution and By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members, notice having been previously given.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Correspond-

ing Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of this Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, the missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) adjournment.

Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; increase contributions, cultivate piety, systematic giving, and increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A lady manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests.

ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life-member by the payment of ten dollars.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

A Guide for Missionaries in Foreign Fields.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall work under the advice and approval of this Board, and in harmony with the general plan of work of the mission.

2. They will be expected to give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities will be paid them by the Board.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports of their work to the Corresponding Secretary of this Board.

4. Before sending annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must have a meeting held in the interests of the work. The minutes of the meeting, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. All the representatives of the Board are expected to attend this meeting for the purpose of consultation as to methods of work in their several departments.

5. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to them officially by the Corresponding Secretary of this Board.

6. They shall report all donations received for their work in their annual reports.

7. They shall not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Medical missionaries shall keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements in their profession. Such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in their work. The medical outfit and appliances shall be the property of the Woman's Board.

9. If any missionary, accepted or in the employ of the Woman's Board, evinces unfitness for the work, she can be recalled at any time, and the agreement between the Board and the party revoked, three months' notice being given. The travel to the United States will be paid by the Board, provided the missionary returns within the time specified.

10. If it becomes necessary for any missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board to return home temporarily because of failing health, she must bring a certificate to that effect from a physician and the superintendent of the mission. The Board, in such cases, agrees to meet the expenses of her passage to the United States of America and pay her half-salary for one year, provided she is in accord with the Woman's Board of Missions.

11. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home, from any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board.

12. It is expected that every returned missionary will be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival in the United States of America. Her expenses to and from the place of annual meeting will be paid by the Woman's Board of Missions.

13. Missionaries are instructed not to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in the support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Woman's Board, and such appeals must be made through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. And in no case can new work be opened without the consent of the Board.

14. Every lady having charge of work is authorized to manage it in her own way, and to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings and to secure good results, provided always that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board of Missions.

15. Every lady in the employ of the Woman's Board is expected to accept the above conditions.

Requirements of Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented through the Conference Corresponding Secretary to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board *at least three months before the annual meeting of this Board*, that there may be time for thorough examination and further correspondence, if necessary.

2. These papers must be testimonials or references from the pastor and Sunday-school Superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; the President or Professor of the school or college where she was educated, and where she has taught; also of Christians who have opportunity of knowing her character, capabilities, and acquirements.

3. A missionary candidate must believe that she is especially called to the work of a foreign missionary, and affirm that her only desire and purpose in offering herself is to serve God and act in accordance with his will.

4. She must show her capabilities for foreign service by some experience gained at home in teaching or Christian work.

5. She must have executive ability, and the faculty of adapting herself to surroundings.

6. The age of a candidate must not come under twenty-two nor go over thirty-five, unless she has superior qualifications and circumstances justify a deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

7. Every candidate is required to answer the questions to missionary candidates.

8. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head.

9. In certifying her intention to devote the efficient years of her life to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions she must sign a pledge to the effect that if for any reason save that of ill health she leaves the service of the

Woman's Board of Missions before the expiration of five years, she is to refund to the Board the amount of her outfit and travel to the field. This does not signify that her obligation to the Board ceases at the close of five years, but that she is bound by agreement for that period of time to refund the amount of her outfit and travel under the above condition.

10. Her preference for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

11. Every candidate is required to come before the Educational Examining Committee and the Woman's Board of Missions at a called meeting, or attend the annual meeting of this Board.

12. After a candidate is accepted she must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for a field.

13. The traveling expenses of a missionary candidate are paid from her home to the mission-field; \$200 is granted for her personal outfit, and \$100 for furnishing the home (provided it has not been previously furnished), all such furniture to be the property of the Woman's Board. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor.

14. Every missionary candidate is required to sign and get two other responsible signatures to the following *pledge*:

"I herewith pledge myself to conform to all the requirements of the Woman's Board of Missions, and if I voluntarily leave the service of the Board for any other reason than that of ill health, within five years of my arrival on the field to which I am appointed, I pledge myself to refund to the Board the sum expended for my outfit and travel. I also promise to give the Board six months notice of any change in my relationship to it."

15. The testimonials of a missionary candidate must cover the following grounds: An inward impelling desire to do the work of a foreign missionary; religious experience and capabilities of work; educational qualifications; executive ability; and health.

Questions to Missionary Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? and how long have you been a member?

3. Is it your intention to make this your life-work?

4. Are you willing to go to any field?

5. Have you any experience in Christian work?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. Have you studied any ancient or modern language? and do you acquire such with ease?

8. Have you taught school? and with what success?

9. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?

10. What is the condition of your health? and are you predisposed to any hereditary disease?

11. What is your age?

12. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
13. Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies? Were you refused, and for what cause?
14. Will you answer directly, and by testimonial where necessary, each of the above questions?

Certificate of Health.

Questions to be answered by the Examining Physician.

[It is not necessary that every question be answered favorably to receive an appointment.]

1. How long have you known this lady?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood? (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature? how long since? and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. (a) Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters, ever had mental derangement, pulmonary complaint, scrofula, or other serious disease tending to shorten life? (b) Does she exhibit any tendency to these diseases?
8. Is she subject to heart-disease, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthy condition? and would they be liable, so far as can be seen, to any affection incident to change of climate?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her constitution strong and vigorous at this time?
12. (a) What climate would be most suitable to her constitution? (b) Would a tropical climate in her case especially induce liver-disease?

[Questions to be copied, and answers opposite each question.]

Physician's signature.

Woman's Missionary Advocate.

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Payments to the Woman's Missionary Society.

The payment of \$1 a year or ten cents a month for adults, or five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for twelve months.

The payment of \$20 constitutes a life-member.

The payment of \$100 constitutes an honorary life-member.

The payment of \$300 constitutes an honorary life-patron.

The payment of \$40 supports a scholarship for one year in China.

Form of Bequest.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$——— or ——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

Form of Devise.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended].

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Board.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

“Crises of Missions,” by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson.

Missionary Review of the World, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

Woman's Work for Woman, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Life and Light for Woman, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Heathen Woman's Friend, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Reporter, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

“Go or Send,” by Dr. A. G. Haygood, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

“Protestant Foreign Missions,” by Christleib, Congregational House, Boston.

“Lectures on Missions,” Max Muller.

“Women of the Orient,” by Rev. Ross C. Houghton.

“Around the World,” by Bishop Hendrix.

“To the East by Way of the West,” by Bishop Marvin.

Missionary Programmes, by Miss Mary Helm. Price twenty-five cents. Order from Miss Mary Helm, Nashville, Tenn.

Woman's Missionary Advocate, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to J. D. BARBEE, *Agent*, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

